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# The beginning of the end?

## ANALYSIS: TIMELINE PROVOKES CONCERNS

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WASHINGTON — From Capitol Hill to Kabul, the question about President Barack Obama's new Afghanistan strategy was the same on Wednesday: How can the United States be all-in in Afghanistan while simultaneously preparing to get out?

In his speech at the United States Military Academy at West Point on Tuesday evening, Obama simultaneously declared that he will speed 30,000 additional troops to Afghanistan over the next six months but also begin to withdraw U.S. forces from the embattled nation by July 2011.

That left many critics to interpret the president's Afghan plan less as a troop buildup and more as an exit plan for the war there, and fueled questions about whether the White House is committed to the fight or already looking for a way out.

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## IN TOWN CITED AS SUCCESS, STILL A LONG ROAD AHEAD

BY GEOFF ZIEZULEWICZ  
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LOGAR PROVINCE, Afghanistan — Within hours of President Barack Obama's announcement of a new surge of 30,000 troops into Afghanistan, the man charged with winning the war stood before reporters in Kabul and offered what he said was a shining example of how the new counterinsurgency strategy can succeed: the Baraki Barak district of embattled Logar province.

"Some months ago, it was almost under complete insurgent control," Gen. Stanley McChrystal said. "Now with a partnership between coalition forces, Afghan forces and local government and some smart counterinsurgency techniques, some reinforcement of local leadership, violence is down something like 80 percent and it is all because we link up and partner and we make it work."

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"There will be a lot of people who will question whether we can do it. There are some who will question whether we should do it. But nobody should question from today on whether we will do it."

— Gen. Stanley McChrystal, on the new Afghan war plan

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## North Korean soldier repatriated

By JON RABIROFF  
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**DEMILITARIZED ZONE,** Korea — To call it a happy homecoming would be a stretch.

But a stone-faced North Korean army sergeant — rescued Sunday after his small fishing boat floated into South Korean waters — was escorted Wednesday by U.S. and South Korean military officials back to the Military Demarcation Line dividing the two Koreas.

There, he was released to a waiting group of equally businesslike officials from the Korean People's Army. The sergeant, whose name was not released, was then left to walk by himself several steps behind an officer who led him up the stairs and into the Panmunjom, North Korea's main building at the DMZ's Joint Security Area.

Officials said the sergeant was allowed to return to North Korea during Wednesday's repatriation only after members of the United Nations Command Military Armistice Commission and Neutral Nations Supervisory



**A North Korean sergeant, center, is escorted by U.S. and South Korean military officials back to the Military Demarcation Line during a repatriation ceremony Wednesday at Korea's Demilitarized Zone.**

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Commission interviewed him.

They were satisfied the soldier had been fishing, and he was not spying on any other military mission when the South Korean navy found his boat floating Sunday afternoon in the Yellow Sea, a mile northwest of Yeonpyeong Island, according to reports. They also believed him when he said he wanted to return north.

The repatriation is the lat-

est example of the complex and ever-changing relationship between the two Koreas, which technically remain at war since an armistice halted Korean War hostilities in 1953.

Over the summer, North Korea made international headlines with nuclear and missile tests and related threats to its enemies.

But, in August, the rogue state released two American jour-

nalists to former President Bill Clinton and returned four South Korean fishermen who had accidentally crossed the East Sea border. Two months ago, North Korea agreed to more reunions of families separated since the Korean War.

Then, last month, tensions between the two countries heated up again when their navies exchanged gunfire. South Korean military officials said a North Korean patrol boat crossed the border, and that a North Korean officer was killed and three others were injured during the skirmish.

U.S. and South Korean military officials routinely repatriate the remains of one or two North Koreans each year who drown and whose bodies float south.

The last time there was an event like Wednesday's was in 2006, when two North Korean soldiers suffering from hypothermia were repatriated after being rescued from a small boat.

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Hasan faces 32 counts  
of attempted murder

The Associated Press

**FORT WORTH, Texas** — The U.S. Army has charged the suspect in the Fort Hood shooting spree with 32 counts of attempted premeditated murder.

The charges are in addition to the 13 premeditated murder charges filed against Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan in the Nov. 5 massacre at Fort Hood.

The Army said the attempted murder charges filed Wednesday are related to the 30 soldiers and two civilian police officers injured in the shooting at a soldier processing center on the Texas post.

On Tuesday, Hasan's civilian lawyer said the military plans a mental evaluation to determine

whether the Army psychiatrist charged with killing 13 people at Fort Hood knew his alleged actions were wrong and whether he's competent to stand trial.

Attorney John Galligan said he received notice Tuesday night that the military likely was to issue a "mental responsibility exam" order.

The notice did not indicate when or where the exam, which is done by what the military calls a sanity board, will take place, Galligan said.

But Galligan said the exam is premature because Hasan remains in intensive care at a San Antonio military hospital, recovering from gunshot wounds that caused him to become paralyzed.

## Faster Internet delayed getting to Misawa

**MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan** — Misawa residents are going to have to wait a little longer for a promised increase in Internet speed, according to Army and Air Force Exchange Service officials.

AAFES officials said in October that Verizon, the contracted communications provider, would install a 70 percent larger circuit in Tokyo and have its service working as advertised by the end of November. But on Wednesday, an AAFES official said the project won't be complete until Dec. 11.

Andrew Weaver, an assistant vice president with AAFES' headquarters in Dallas, said there is still one three-mile stretch of computer line that had to be "dragged ... through the conduit."

AAFES officials have said that the upgraded service will mean constant connections on Misawa that run at up to 12 megabits per second.

## Volunteers needed to run Sollars holiday shop

**MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan** — Volunteers are needed to help run the Sollars Elementary School Winter Boutique Dec. 14-18.

The boutique is an in-school shop where children can buy holiday gifts for their friends and family. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, assist children with their shopping and wrap gifts.

To volunteer, e-mail the Sollars Parent Teacher Organization at sollarspto@yahoo.com.

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# Timeline: Critics question wisdom of an end date

**TIMELINE, FROM PAGE 1**

Obama pitched the July 2011 timeline for the start of a security handover to Afghan troops as proof that America does not have an "open-ended commitment" to a country where 849 American soldiers have lost their lives since the war began eight years ago. No final withdrawal date has been set, and the pace of drawdowns will be dictated by the security situation in Afghanistan, U.S. officials said.

"But it will be clear to the Afghan government — and, more importantly, to the Afghan people — that they will ultimately be responsible for their own country," Obama said.

But analysts and lawmakers immediately questioned whether the surge-then-exit strategy sends a message of a lack of commitment in the region. Many wondered whether it would embolden Taliban insurgents to simply hunker down and wait for a U.S. withdrawal, as well as exacerbate longstanding fears in both Afghanistan and Pakistan that the United States will abandon the volatile region, as it did after the Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan in 1989.

"A date for withdrawal sends exactly the wrong message to both our friends and our enemies — in Afghanistan, Pakistan and the entire region — all of whom currently doubt whether America is committed to winning this war," Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., declared during a Senate Armed Services Committee hearing Wednesday.

In his own blunt late-summer assessment of the faltering war effort, Gen. Stanley McChrystal, the commander of U.S. forces in Afghanistan, warned that Americans must gird themselves for a "long-term" fight that does not lend itself to quick fixes and that will require "patience and commitment" from political leaders.

He also wrote that a major obstacle to securing popular support in Afghanistan lies in persuading skeptical citizens that America is committed to protecting them from Taliban insurgents, rebuilding the country and bettering their lives. The report stated that U.S. actions must "signal unwavering commitment" to the future security of the country.

## McChrystal's support

On Wednesday, McChrystal expressed full support for a July 2011 date to begin withdrawals.

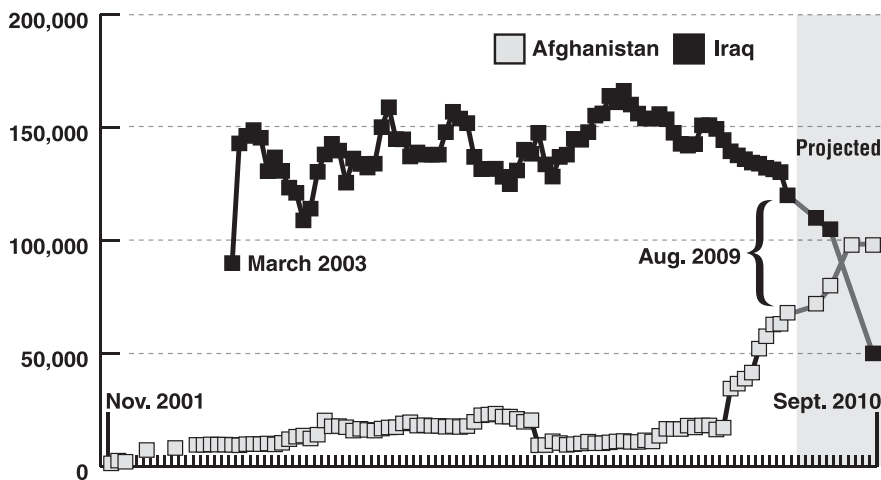
"The 18-month timeline, however as it will play out, is not an absolute," McChrystal said. "It's not, 'In 18 months, everybody leaves.' The president has expressed on numerous occasions a long-term strategic partnership with Afghanistan and that includes all manner of assistance. So the concept is as national security rises, then the need for coalition military assistance maneuver forces goes down."

Still, on Capitol Hill Wednesday, some Republican lawmakers pressed Defense Secretary Robert Gates, labeling the Obama plan as a cut-and-run tactic.

"I understand why he (Obama) would want the American people

## Troop levels in Iraq and Afghanistan

U.S. troop totals in Afghanistan have been well below those in Iraq since the start of that war in 2003. But based on deployment plans from the Pentagon and White House, that should change in late spring or early summer of 2010. The surge of troops into Afghanistan will put force levels there at nearly 100,000 troops by next July, and Defense Department plans call for fewer than 50,000 troops to remain in Iraq after next summer.



Source: Pentagon, Office of the Secretary of Defense

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Defense officials on Tuesday said the 30,000 troops to be surged into Afghanistan will be deployed mainly in southern and eastern provinces, where fighting has escalated in recent months. At least one brigade will be assigned to better secure areas around Kandahar and another to secure population centers in Helmand province.



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R-Ariz.

and Stripes. "The question is, really, whether we will be where we need to be. If not, then of course it's going to be concerning to all of us, that we don't want to prematurely disengage from Afghanistan."

## Border concerns

Meanwhile, Brian Katulis, senior fellow at the Center for American Progress, said Pakistani leaders he's recently spoken with have been anxious that an Afghanistan surge could push al-Qaida and Taliban insurgents deeper across their border.

Pakistani leaders have long been divided over how best to deal with the insurgency next door in Afghanistan, at times supporting the Taliban as a proxy force to keep arch-rival India from meddling in the area. That policy of trying to buy off the extremists has lately backfired as the insurgents have staged increasingly bold strikes against the Pakistani government.

Obama said part of the surge plan includes a new focus on Pakistan, one "built on a foundation of mutual interest, mutual respect and mutual trust." The president promised that "America will remain a strong supporter of Pakistan's security and prosperity long after the guns have fallen silent."

He pointedly omitted any mention of plans to step up covert U.S. operations inside Pakistan targeting Taliban and al-Qaida leaders taking refuge in the mountainous

border region.

Katulis said America's public approach to Pakistan is still largely a "we send them money and they do what we tell them" attitude, one that the Obama administration has tried unsuccessfully to alter. Fears of a half-hearted U.S. effort and a desire to pull out of the region could exacerbate that tension.

## Not a waiting game?

White House officials downplayed the idea that setting a date to begin to withdraw from Afghanistan signals any lack of commitment in the region. Obama and his Cabinet officials emphasized in their public remarks that any drawdown decisions will be based on the ability of Afghan forces to assume the lead in security operations.

"If the Taliban thinks they can wait us out, I think that they're misjudging the president's approach," a senior administration official said.

On Wednesday, Gates told members of the Senate that the announcement of a date to begin the withdrawal targets two distinct audiences: the Afghan government, "who must accept responsibility in terms of their own governance," and the American public, "to let them know this isn't going to go on for another 10 years."

A Gallup poll released last month showed that 52 percent of U.S. citizens surveyed believe the war in Afghanistan has not been worth the cost in money or lives, and as many people sup-

ported drawing down the number of troops deployed there (45 percent) as supported adding more troops (46 percent).

Obama dismissed criticisms of the July 2011 target in his Tuesday speech, noting that "the absence of a time frame for transition would deny us any sense of urgency in working with the Afghan government."

In his Afghanistan assessment, McChrystal said the ranks of the Afghan National Army need to nearly double to 134,000 by fall 2010, and the long-term goal for the combined national army and police force needs to top 400,000. Obama's surge plan calls for about 5,000 trainers among the troops, to help accelerate that timeline.

Others have called for a much larger number of Afghanistan security forces above the 400,000 target. But senior administration officials dismissed those calls, too, calling that goal something they can reasonable aim for in the next five years.

## Can't rush success

Yet, retired Gen. Wesley Clark, who last month warned lawmakers against a quick, catch-all solution for Afghanistan, said that even with more trainers and funding, the Afghan National Army is limited in how fast it can grow. Logistics, equipment and intelligence capabilities take years to develop, even under ideal circumstances, he noted.

"In the end, success is not something you can rush," he said.

Kimberly Kagan, president of the Institute for the Study of War, who was a member of a team of advisers to McChrystal last summer, said expecting the surge to lead to immediate improvements may be overly optimistic.

"We simply must not go in with the expectation that nine months after the beginning of this increase of forces into Afghanistan we will have a result as decisive as the result we had in Iraq," she said.

The president's plans call for the 30,000 additional U.S. troops to be in place in Afghanistan by next summer, although administration officials concede that may be an ambitious target. But Kagan said she doubts the flow of new troops into Afghanistan would be as swift as the surge of extra troops into Iraq two years ago, and therefore "decisive" operations against insurgents would not come as quickly.

Obama also received criticism for providing fewer than the 40,000 troops originally requested by McChrystal, but NATO forces are expected to announce their own troop surge later this week. Brig. Gen. John Nicholson Jr., director of the Defense Department's Pakistan-Afghanistan Coordination cell, said he anticipates another 5,000 to 7,000 in troop commitments from international partners, enough to push the total coalition troop total over 140,000.

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# 'It'll make it get over quicker'

## Troops in Afghanistan welcome surge

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KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — Even at 5:30 a.m., a couple dozen bleary-eyed troops filed into a recreation center at Kandahar Airfield, NATO's main hub in Afghanistan's violence-plagued South, to watch President Barack Obama's West Point speech.

Troops in the South have been cautiously optimistic about the increase in troops since word of the proposed buildup leaked last week.

Sgt. Daniel Foster, 25, of Caldwell, Idaho, said the extra support will be welcome in the South, but that it's only part of the solution.

"I don't know whether or not it will work — the success hinges on the Afghans," said Foster, a soldier with the hard-hit 5th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division. "We're not here for ourselves, we're trying to help these people get back on solid ground. It feels like they're always fighting us. They've got to be willing to change to help themselves."

The president is sending 30,000 additional troops after months of deliberation on Gen. Stanley McChrystal's assessment, with a renewed push to stand up Afghan forces, but also a clear expectation that the United States will begin to pull substantial numbers

of troops out starting in 2011.

NATO Secretary-General Anders Fogh Rasmussen said he expects "other allies and partners will also make a substantial increase in their contributions."

Soldiers serving with 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment at a U.S. forward operating base in Zhari district, a few miles west of Kandahar city, expressed support for the plan.

"It'll make it get over quicker," said Sgt. Dylan Seymour, 27, of Athens, Ohio.

Cpl. William Strickland, 27, of Columbus, Ohio, said he was in the morale, welfare and recreation center in the early morning when another soldier read the development aloud on Yahoo News.

"We're so spread out now that it's hard to keep control over the areas we have," Strickland said. "I think it's right to send more guys over here, so that we can regain positive control and then turn it over to the Afghans, like we did with the Iraqis in Iraq. I'm all for whatever we need to do to end this."

Spc. Morgan Riley, 26, of Temple, Texas, said that without additional troops it would be difficult to make progress in the south.

"If we continue to do (the same thing) over here, we're going to be here for a long time," he said.

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A U.S. paratrooper with Troop A, 3rd Squadron, 71st Cavalry Regiment walks the bazaar outside Joint Combat Outpost Baraki Barak on Tuesday.

## Success: U.S. officials are encouraged by progress in Afghanistan district

SUCCESS, FROM PAGE 1

Yet on the ground here in Baraki Barak, the picture is not so clear.

Much of the counterinsurgency push here has revolved around creating what the Americans call a "security bubble" in this rural area of 150,000. Inside the bubble, residents are given aid as they cooperate with the local government and U.S. military — an example that U.S. commanders hope villages outside the bubble will want to emulate when they see how their neighbors are prospering.

But the bubble only covers about one-fifth of Baraki Barak, and about half its population.

"The areas close by [the government center], securitywise, everything is great," said Abdul Jamil, a judge at the local government center. "But further from the center, where I live, the security is not so good."

Farmers gathered at the government center for an agriculture meeting Wednesday expressed similar sentiments, noting that they are intimidated by Taliban insurgents and gangs belonging to the Haqqani warlord network if they dare to participate in any government or U.S. military projects. As a measure of the threat, an Afghan government official was murdered in the district last month.

Some local residents said they felt safer before U.S. forces arrived, when the enemy could not target them for working with the outsiders.

"The enemies, there is a variety of different groups," Jamil said. "Once the Americans go there and do operations, it is quiet. But once the Americans leave, they come back."

Just this week, U.S. troops met with teachers at a school just outside the combat outpost to discuss development projects. Soldiers reported that local children threw rocks at them.

For all the difficulties, however, U.S. officials say they are encouraged by the progress here.

Capt. Paul Shepard, commander of Troop A of the 3rd Squadron, 71st Cavalry Regiment, said that since his unit arrived here in March, the goal has always been to establish a foothold near the government center and then expand from there — a process that will take time.

"There are villages that dislike us," Shepard said. "When we go there, you're pulling teeth when you're



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asking questions. If we can find a village that's willing to talk, we'll go back there and try to talk to those key leaders."

Progress here has meant helping to empower the local government and steering locals to the government center in order to get things done, Shepard said.

"It's all these key players coming together at the district center," Shepard said of the compound's daily mix of government officials, farmers, U.S. forces, and Afghan soldiers and police officers. "You've got all these pieces of government, a

mayor, a sub-governor and they start to do these little projects and these productive measures and it starts to be more effective."

Part of the security bubble concept involves an "extreme makeover" program, propagated in a variety of Logar districts with varying success by Lt. Col. Tom Gukeisen, the commander of the 3-71.

The extreme makeover involves giving locals items such as generators and mosque refurbishment kits that they can put to immediate use.

Yet even those basic efforts have involved complications, Shepard said, with some villages reporting the theft of generators by the Taliban.

Another focus for American forces has been engaging local leaders, particularly District Governor Mohammed Yasin Ludin, a nonelected official whose office is the provincial governor.

Ludin lives in Kabul and commutes to the district three to four days a week, Shepard said.

While noting that he'd prefer the district governor to actually live in Baraki Barak, Shepard said Ludin has proved adept at bringing locals together and is responsive to their problems. He has also been helpful when U.S. forces need to explain less palatable counterinsurgency practices, such as the occasional night raid.

Residents list night raids by U.S. forces and detention of locals as an upsetting part of the new order.

"That scares families and children," said Mohammed Sadiq, a farmer who came to the government compound Wednesday. "They're walking around and arresting innocent people. American people came here for solving the problems, but we are facing the problems."

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Troops at Camp Eggers in Kabul listen to President Barack Obama's speech broadcast on television early Wednesday.



# McChrystal: Afghan plan a 'clear commitment'

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KABUL — President Barack Obama's decision to bolster the flagging Afghanistan fight with 30,000 more troops marks a significant and clear way forward in this nine-year battle, the top U.S. commander in the country said Wednesday.

Calling the announcement a "clear commitment to the way ahead," Gen. Stanley McChrystal said the extra troops will allow U.S. and coalition forces to establish security in more of the insurgent-controlled areas of the country while allowing coalition troops to train and build up Afghan security forces to ultimately take over.

"We have clarity of our mission as was outlined by the president this morning," McChrystal told his staff in Kabul in a special briefing that he would be repeating to staff at other bases around the country throughout the day. "We have clarity about what it is we are here to do, and we are here to provide the government of Afghanistan and our Afghan partners [the] time, space and capability to defend their sovereignty. And standing between them and that is an insurgency that we have been fighting and we will now take on with even greater vigor."

But he warned that while an end goal is attainable, it won't come easy.

"It isn't free. It isn't easy. There will be a lot of people who will question whether we can do it. There are some who will question whether we should do it. But nobody should question from today on whether we will do it," he said.

McChrystal said that the additional forces send a clear signal to the enemy and help boost the confidence of the Afghan people, who must believe in their own government if the fight is to be won.

In a searing assessment of the state of the war that he completed over the summer, McChrystal said that without a strong reinforcement of coalition troops, a new, comprehensive counterinsurgency strat-



INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE FORCE/AP

**Gen. Stanley McChrystal, right, commander of the International Security Assistance Force, addresses members of his staff Tuesday, moments after President Barack Obama announced he would send 30,000 more U.S. troops to Afghanistan.**

egy and an end to the rampant corruption in the Afghan government, the war would fail.

He warned at the time that the commitment would have to be far reaching and long range to achieve results, and described a strategy that was as much about nation-building as military warfare.

"Counterinsurgency is always about what people think at the end of the day," McChrystal said Wednesday.

"It's not the number of people you kill. It's the number of people you convince. It's the number of people that don't get killed. It's the number of houses that are not destroyed. It's the number of children that do get to go to school," he said. "And as we increase our force in numbers we also

increase our force capability because we understand that better. And we operate in a way that truly threatens the enemy because the one thing the enemy cannot afford to lose is their access to the people. ... And we absolutely can take this away from them."

Speaking to reporters in Kabul a short time later, McChrystal said the expanded coalition troop levels will establish pockets of security where governance could be established. But he would not elaborate on how that governance will break free of the corruption culture that pervades not just politics but the Afghan police and army as well.

"The challenges are significant," he said. "There's no way to get around that.

But I think the importance is equally significant. ... I think additional forces will allow us to create more security in areas first to take away from the Taliban sense of momentum and also put a sense of momentum on our side. I won't minimize there are places where sometimes it looks insurmountable, but I don't believe it is."

McChrystal declined to elaborate on the breakdown of the new forces or where they will deploy. But he said a critical focus of the mission will be on training and expanding the Afghan National Army and the Afghan National Police.

He also stood by his assessment that the Afghan National Security Forces need to more than double from current numbers to 400,000, which he believes can be done in four years.

He said some of the new forces will go directly to training the Afghan security forces, and the goal is that in six to eight months, all coalition forces and Afghan army or police forces will be partnered.

"That's our goal. We don't have enough forces to touch all areas. What we are doing is focusing on the highest priorities now, the most difficult areas to do partnering. As the ANSF grows, [this] gives us coalition forces to partner with them."

McChrystal acknowledged that even within the leadership in Kabul, there is sometimes a crisis of confidence that this war can be won. When speaking to his staff earlier in the day, he didn't sugarcoat the cost of the way ahead, stressing the end goal.

"There will be more long nights, more cold days, more memorial services, more frustration, more questions, more answers to questions," he said. "But there will also be more Afghans with a chance, more Afghans with security, more Afghans with the ability to make the choice for their future to build the country the way they want it. So now is the time to go forward."

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## Administration tries to sell new Afghanistan war strategy

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The arduous job of selling President Barack Obama's Afghan war strategy began Wednesday as administration officials sought to convince Congress that failure in the country would put the U.S. and other countries at risk.

Obama plans to send 30,000 more troops by next summer, bringing the American presence in Afghanistan to about 100,000 troops, and would begin their withdrawal as early as July 2011. He announced his strategy in a speech Tuesday night after three months of careful deliberation.

Some of the president's Democratic allies have expressed fears that the U.S. is shouldering too much of the military burden.

Top administration officials hoped to persuade lawmakers at Wednesday's Senate hearing that there is no other option.

"Failure in Afghanistan would mean a Taliban takeover of much, if not most, of the country and likely a renewed civil war," Defense Secretary Robert Gates told the Senate Armed Services Committee.

"Taliban-ruled areas could in short order become, once again, a sanctuary for al-Qaida as well as a staging area for resurgent militant groups on the offensive in Pakistan."

The insurgency already has gained "dominant influence" in 11 of Afghanistan's 34 provinces, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Adm. Mike Mullen said. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton also appeared with Mullen and Gates before the committee.

Committee chairman Sen. Carl Levin, a Democrat, expressed serious misgivings about the troop escalation when the Afghan security force remains small and weak.

"It seems to me that the large influx of U.S. combat troops will put more U.S. Marines on street corners in Afghan villages, with too few Afghan partners alongside them," he said in his opening remarks of the hearing.

Despite the war's waning popularity among voters, there were few protesters on hand as Gates, Mullen and Clinton testified in a cavernous hearing room.

Unlike 2007, when the Bush administration's troop build up in Iraq prompted angry chants by protesters, there were only three visible anti-war protesters, who held up signs denouncing the troop buildup and calling the war hopeless.

Vice President Joe Biden said earlier Wednesday that the new surge-and-exit troop strategy in Afghanistan is aimed more at wringing reforms from President Hamid Karzai than mollifying a war-weary American public. Democrats complained about Obama's escalation of the war after his prime-time speech Tuesday night at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.

Republicans are unhappy with his promise to withdraw troops in 18 months, but Congress appears willing, nevertheless, to approve the buildup's \$30 billion price tag.



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**Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, from left, Defense Secretary Robert Gates and Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Adm. Mike Mullen testify on Capitol Hill in Washington on Wednesday before the Senate Armed Services Committee.**

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## IN THE STATES

## Dems seek \$100B for unemployed

By ANDREW TAYLOR  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As unemployment spikes, the cost of compassion is going up too.

By as much as \$100 billion.

That's the potential price of a push by Democrats in Congress to continue providing extra help to the jobless beyond the core 26-week unemployment insurance package provided under permanent law.

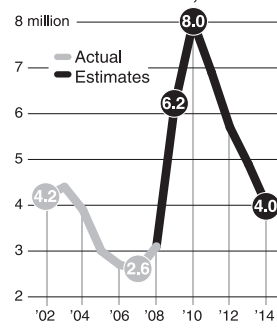
The jaw-dropping numbers combine the approximately \$85 billion cost of continuing emergency benefits through 2010 for the long-term unemployed — jobless more than six months — plus an estimated \$15 billion to continue subsidies to help pay health insurance premiums.

Even before the last new round of extended benefits in November, the cost of unemployment compensation was estimated by the White House to exceed \$140 billion for fiscal 2010, which began in October. Just two years ago — when the unemployment rate was 4.8 percent in contrast to the current 10.2 percent — the cost of unemployment benefits was only \$43 billion.

## Running out of jobless benefits

In 2010, the U.S. Labor Department estimates that 8 million Americans will exhaust their regular 26 weeks of unemployment insurance benefits provided under current law.

Benefits exhaustions, 26-week



SOURCE: Labor Department

AP

Extending unemployment benefits again is an obvious solution to Democrats preaching compassion for the long-term jobless, as well as to economists who say cutting off the flow of money could harm the economy.

"This is the most effective way to get money into the economy. It's given to people who are simply out of money," said Rep. Jim McDermott, D-Wash., a key supporter. "They're spending it. They're not socking it away in a mattress somewhere."

## House panel OKs law allowing dismantling of financial firms

By JIM KUHNHENN  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A key House panel voted Wednesday to slap new restraints on big Wall Street institutions and to demand greater openness from the nation's central bank, clearing a significant hurdle in the drive for a sweeping financial regulations overhaul.

Motivated by the crisis that caused a near collapse in financial markets, the House Financial Services Committee approved legislation 31-27 that would give the government the right to dismantle financial firms that pose a risk to the economy, even if they are healthy.

The legislation also would require a detailed congressional audit of the privacy-shrouded Federal Reserve and would assess fees up front on large financial institutions to pay for the failure of their competitors.

The action sets the stage for a full House vote next week on comprehensive regulatory changes meant as a response to the financial sector's meltdown more than a year ago. That package, set to go to the House floor on Wednesday, would include the creation of a new consumer finance protection agency, restrictions on complex financial instruments blamed for feeding last year's panic and restrictions on Wall Street compensation.

The committee's vote, however, was closer than expected. Ten members of the Congressional Black Caucus did not vote, signaling their continuing demands that the Obama administration address unrelated joblessness issues facing the black community, where unemployment far exceeds the na-

tional average.

Financial Services Committee Chairman Barney Frank, D-Mass., had postponed a vote on the bill before Thanksgiving because of the concerns raised by members of the caucus.

Their absence from Wednesday's vote signals potential troubles ahead for the comprehensive regulatory package if their concerns are not addressed. Forty-one House members, all Democrats, are members of the caucus.

In a statement Tuesday evening, White House spokeswoman Jennifer Psaki said: "The president's top priority is economic recovery and we understand the profound impact that the recession is having on the African-American community. We welcome a continuing dialogue with the CBC on how we can collaborate to implement the president's agenda to support economic growth and opportunity for all Americans."

Wednesday's vote marked the end of the committee's work on the package that began months ago after the administration submitted its package of regulatory changes meant to avoid a repeat of last year's crisis.

Since then, some tough provisions requested by the Obama administration have been removed or weakened through exceptions. In the case of the Fed audit and the fee assessment on financial firms, however, administration officials have said the committee was too harsh.

As chairman, Frank faced not only Republican opposition to most provisions but also had to compromise with moderate Democrats who were not eager to go as far as Obama.

## White House crashers did not have invitation

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — E-mails between the White House party crashers and a Pentagon official undermine their claims that they were invited to President Barack Obama's first state dinner.

Tareq and Michael Salahi pressed the friendly Pentagon aide for four days to score tickets to the big event. By their own admission in the e-mails, they showed up at the White House gates at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 24 without an invitation — "to just check in, in case it got approved since we didn't know, and our name was indeed on the list!"

In an e-mail sent just hours after last week's dinner to Pentagon official Michele Jones, the Salahis claimed a dead cell phone battery prevented them from hearing Jones' voice mail earlier that day advising them they did not make the guest list.

A collection of e-mails between the Salahis and Jones was obtained Tuesday night by The Associated Press from a source who got them in a manner that confirmed their authenticity.

Earlier Tuesday evening, the administration said it will make at least one change to its practices for invitation-only events: The White House social office will go back to making sure a staff member is present at the gates to help the Secret Service if questions come up, the first lady's communication director, Camille Johnston, said.

On NBC's "Today" Tuesday morning, the Salahis said they had e-mails that would make clear they did not go to the White House uninvited, but said they could not yet provide them while they were cooperating with the Secret Service on its internal investigation.



RIC FRANCIS/AP

**Erin Runnion — standing beside photographs of her slain 5-year-old daughter, Samantha — speaks during a May 2005 news conference in Santa Ana, Calif.**

## Sexual offender rules are not being adopted

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — More than three years after Congress ordered stepped-up monitoring of sex offenders, only one state has adopted the government's strict new requirements, and some others are weighing whether to ignore the law and just pay a penalty.

So far, Ohio is the lone state to meet the new federal standards. Elsewhere, efforts have been hampered by high costs and legal challenges from the nation's 686,000 registered sex offenders. Advocates worry that the delays are putting public safety at risk.

"This means more of the same — that we're losing sex offenders when they cross state lines and disappear," said Erin Runnion, who lobbied for the law after her 5-year-old daughter was kidnapped and killed in 2002.

The initial deadline for states to comply was in July. Then the deadline was extended to July 2010, although several states have signaled they may still be unable to meet it. States that do not adopt the mandates risk losing millions of dollars in federal grants.

The law was designed to keep closer tabs on sex offenders, including an estimated 100,000 who are not living where they are supposed to be. It would create a national sex offender registry and toughen penalties for those who fail to register.

Last year, a federal judge in Nevada declared the law unconstitutional because it would subject offenders to additional penalties after they have served their time.

In addition to the legal challenges, states are also struggling with the cost, which could climb into the millions of dollars.

## More charges likely to come in slayings of police officers

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — With an ex-convict suspected in the coffee-shop ambush killings of four police officers now dead, authorities focused on pursuing those who may have helped him escape and stay on the lam for two days amid a frantic manhunt.

Prosecutors were expected Wednesday to charge Maurice Clemmons' alleged getaway driver, Darcus D. Allen, according to Pierce County sheriff's spokesman Ed Troyer. Authorities accuse Allen, a convicted murderer who served time in an Arkansas prison with Clemmons, of being the getaway driver for Clemmons as he fled the scene of the shootings at coffee shop in Parkland early Sunday.

Two women accused of giving Clemmons first aid and rides also may be charged, Troyer said. He said Clemmons' aunt, Letricia Nelson, was arrested Tuesday evening in Pacific, northeast of Tacoma, for allegedly giving first aid to Clemmons, helping him change clothes and making arrangements to get him to other locations. Arrested around the same time in Des Moines, Wash., was Quiana Maylea Williams, an acquaintance of Clemmons. Both women are being held in the Pierce County jail.

Three other people appeared Tuesday in Pierce County Superior Court. Two brothers, Eddie Lee Davis and Douglas Edward Davis, are charged with rendering criminal assistance. A third man, Clemmons' half-brother Rickey Hinton, was ordered held pending charges.

Clemmons, 37, was shot to death Tuesday by a Seattle police officer Benjamin Kelly who spotted a car, its hood up and engine running, on a south Seattle street and pulled over to check it out. As the patrolman sat in his cruiser, a man came up from behind, Assistant Seattle Police Chief Jim Pugel said.

The officer turned, stepped outside his car and recognized the most wanted man in the Pacific Northwest.

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# GM's CEO calls it quits

## Government tapped Henderson in March to take over

By TOM KRISHER AND KEN THOMAS  
The Associated Press

DETROIT — The leader of the new General Motors was done in by an old problem at the nation's largest car maker: Change wasn't happening fast enough.

GM's board and CEO Fritz Henderson parted ways Tuesday, the board upset that the automaker's turnaround wasn't moving more swiftly and Henderson frustrated with second-guessing, two people close to the former CEO said.

Board Chairman Ed Whitacre Jr., the former head of AT&T Inc., will take over as CEO while a global search is conducted.

It was unclear whether Henderson or the board moved first in the surprise resignation, which came just hours before Henderson was to be the high-profile keynote speaker at the Los Angeles Auto Show. At a hastily called news conference at General Motors Co.'s downtown Detroit headquarters, Whitacre would not answer questions, but said the board and Henderson agreed that he should step down.

Whitacre thanked Henderson, 51, a lifelong GM employee, for his leadership and said the company is on the right path toward offering high-quality cars and trucks worldwide.

"We now need to accelerate our progress toward that goal," Whitacre, 68, said in a brief appearance.

Both men were chosen for their jobs by the U.S. government, which owns more than 60 percent of the Detroit automaker in exchange for giving it billions in loans.

But Henderson is a GM insider, while Whitacre is an outsider to the whole industry.

An Obama administration official said Tuesday in a statement that "this decision was made by the Board

of Directors alone. The Administration was not involved in the decision."

"I don't think this has much to do with Fritz Henderson's performance, I think it's just the wrong time to be a GM lifer," said Logan Robinson, a former Chrysler attorney and professor of corporate governance at University of Detroit Mercy.

Henderson, who rose through GM's ranks over a 25-year career, took over in March after the government forced out former CEO Rick Wagoner. A few months later, GM entered bankruptcy protection and Henderson led the company through a painful government-led and court-supervised reorganization. The company emerged from court protection in just 40 days cleansed of massive debt and burdensome contracts that would have sunk it without roughly \$52 billion in federal loans.

The people close to Henderson said he was frustrated from the beginning by the board and government push for faster change and other questions about his decisions.



AP

**General Motors announced Tuesday that Fritz Henderson resigned after eight months as head of the largest U.S. automaker.**

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## IN THE WORLD

# Chechen group claims Russian train blast

By DAVID NOWAK  
The Associated Press

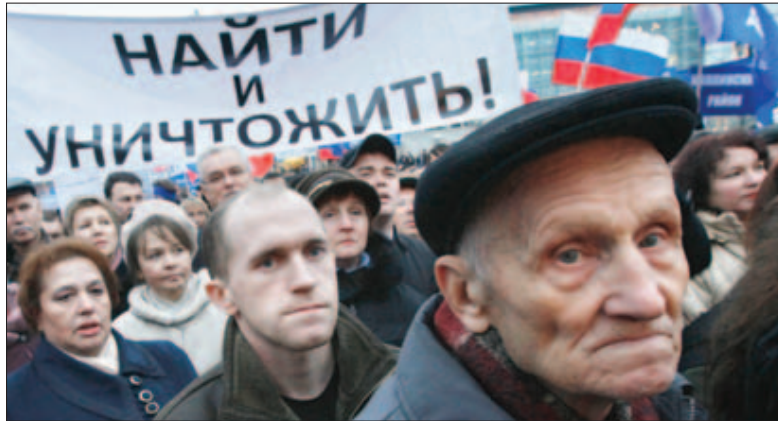
MOSCOW — Chechen rebels claimed responsibility Wednesday for blowing up a high-speed Russian train last week, an attack that killed 26 people, injured scores of others and raised fears of a fresh wave of terror attacks.

The Chechen claim, posted on a Web site sympathetic to the militants, could buttress the suspicions of Russian investigators, who have been tracing the attack to Islamist separatists in Russia's volatile North Caucasus region.

The separatist statement, issued on behalf of Chechen separatist leader Doku Umarov, claimed Friday's bombing of a Moscow-St. Petersburg express train was carried out on his orders.

"We declare that this operation was prepared and carried out ... pursuant to the order of the Emir of Caucasus Emirate," or Umarov, it said.

Umarov is thought to head a network of separatist cells across the mainly Muslim North Caucasus region that are fighting to break free from Moscow's rule. The rebels are blamed for regular attacks on law enforcement officials in the area's five autonomous republics since the end of two bloody separatist wars in Chechnya.



DMITRY LOVETSKY/AP

Russians on Wednesday protest against terror, with a poster reading "Find and Destroy" in the background, in St. Petersburg. Chechen rebels claimed responsibility Wednesday for last week's Russian train bombing.

Russian authorities have said the train's derailment was an act of terrorism and traces of explosives and a crater were found at the disaster site. Government officials were among those killed in the train bombing.

The bombing was the first deadly terrorist attack outside the North Caucasus since the bombings of two airliners and a Moscow subway station attack in 2004.

The attack has struck a nerve in Russian society. About 1,500 people gathered for a

state-sanctioned anti-terrorism rally in St. Petersburg on Wednesday.

Participants in the protest, organized by Prime Minister Vladimir Putin's party United Russia, held banners, with slogans including "Terrorists are not People" and "Find and Destroy."

Rights activists charge that devastating militant attacks in the Caucasus — such as August's bombing of a police station in the capital of Ingushetia, which claimed more than 20 lives — are the bitter fruit of a brutal counterterrorism campaign by Russian authorities. The past year has seen a surge in suicide bombings and assassinations.

There has been no official accusation of the southern separatists, but the country's top investigator, Alexander Bastrykin, said in comments published Wednesday in the state newspaper Rossiiskaya Gazeta that the attack bore their hallmarks. Police released a computerized sketch of a suspect Monday.

No arrests have been made in connection with the attack on the luxury train, which occurred 250 miles northwest of Moscow and 150 miles southeast of St. Petersburg. It was the second attack in two years on the line, which is popular with civil servants and Russian businessmen.

A blast in 2007 injured dozens but killed no one.

## Iran releases British sailors

The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran freed five British sailors detained last week when their racing yacht drifted accidentally into Iranian waters in the Persian Gulf. Britain said it was delighted with Wednesday's release and praised Tehran's handling of the incident.

The men arrived on shore in Dubai on Wednesday, flashing smiles, waving at the cameras and looking relaxed.

The 60-foot yacht was in the Persian Gulf on its way from Bahrain to Dubai last Wednesday for the start of its first offshore race when it ran into a problem with its propeller, said Andrew Pindar, whose Team Pindar owns the yacht. It drifted into Iranian waters and was seized by the elite Revolutionary Guard's navy.

"After carrying out an investigation and interrogation of the five British sailors, it became clear that their illegal entry was a mistake," the Revolutionary Guard said in a statement carried by the official IRNA news agency. "After obtaining necessary guarantees, it was decided to release them."

The British government had tried to keep the



KAMRAN JEBREILI/AP

Four of the five released British sailors, counter-clockwise from front left, Sam Usher, Luke Porter, Oliver Young and Oliver Smith, arrive in United Arab Emirates after being released by Iran.

case from being politicized at a time when Tehran is under heavy pressure from the West over its nuclear program. Iran has accused Britain and other foreign governments of stoking the country's postelection street protests.

## Demjanjuk trial postponed; defendant too sick to attend

By DAVID RISING  
The Associated Press

MUNICH — The trial of John Demjanjuk on charges of accessory to the murder of 27,900 Jews as a death camp guard was called off for the day Wednesday after a doctor determined he was too ill to come to court.

Presiding Judge Ralph Alt said the doctor examined Demjanjuk, 89, in a prison hospital two hours before the session due was to begin, and determined that he had a fever caused by an unidentified infection. The fever continued to rise despite medication, and the doctor decided it was not safe to transport him to court, Alt said.

"This chamber has determined not to proceed because it is not that the defendant does not want to come, but that he cannot come," Alt said.

The day was to have featured

more testimony — which began Tuesday — from some of the approximately 40 relatives of victims who have joined the trial as co-plaintiffs as allowed under the German legal system.

Demjanjuk was deported in May from the United States to Munich, and has been in custody since then. He could face up to 15 years in prison if convicted for his alleged activities training as a guard in the SS camp Trawniki, then serving in the Sobibor death camp in occupied Poland.

The prosecution argues that Demjanjuk, a Soviet soldier, was captured by the Germans in 1942 and volunteered to serve under the SS as a guard.

Demjanjuk denies ever having served as a guard, saying that he spent most of the rest of the war in Nazi POW camps before joining the so-called Vlasov Army of anti-communist POWs and others.

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## Judge blocks distribution of JLo home videos

Home videos featuring Jennifer Lopez and a movie project based on them were blocked by a judge Tuesday.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge James C. Chalfant issued the preliminary injunction against Lopez's ex-husband, Ojani Noa, and manager, Ed Meyer, who have sought to distribute the footage.

Lopez sued the pair for \$10 million last month, claiming Noa was trying to violate the terms of the couple's divorce and a confidentiality agreement by releasing 11 hours of footage. The injunction also covers a film project that Meyer and Noa have called a "mockumentary" about Noa's escape from Cuba and his life since then.

The injunction issued Tuesday will remain in effect until the case is resolved. Lopez's attorney, Jay Lavelly, said it

will now go into arbitration.

Lopez married Noa in 1997, but their marriage lasted just 11 months.

An attorney for the singer-actress said the footage doesn't contain sexual situations.

## hot dish

Tom Arnold is married for the fourth time. Arnold's spokeswoman, Staci Wolfe, said the "True Lies" and "Happy Endings" actor-comedian wed Ashley Grossman on Saturday in Maui.

"The Hurt Locker" won best feature at the 19th annual Gotham Independent Film Awards. The award for Kathryn Bigelow's film about a bomb squad in Iraq was presented Monday evening at a ceremony in New York. The film also won for best ensemble performance.

— The Associated Press



Lopez



AP

Alicia Keys wants to share love of Africa.

## Alicia Keys to take five fans to Africa

Alicia Keys says her first visit to Africa was so emotional and inspiring that she is ready to take others there to experience something similar.

The Grammy-winning singer is launching a contest through her charity, Keep a Child Alive, that will give five people an opportunity to visit the continent with her. She says her initial trip to Africa "totally changed my life."

"Going to Africa was unbelievable for me," the 28-year-old said.

"I was probably like 19 or something. I was asked to come to Africa to perform, and so you think, 'I'm just the girl from Harlem. I wrote a couple of songs on 137th Street, and then suddenly you want me to come to Africa? And people will know me? And people will know the songs?' It was a mind-blowing experience for me."

"I was able to see the great separation between have and have not," Keys said. "I was able to see the incredible spirit of people. I was able to learn firsthand about the AIDS pandemic of Africa."

Keys was to announce the contest Tuesday.

Fans will be able to enter the contest online at the foundation's Web site (www.KeepaChildAlive.org), or by sending a text. The fee for the text is \$5, but it will be donated to Keep a Child Alive.

Keys said the winners will travel throughout Africa for five days sometime next year.

— The Associated Press

## MJ tops Yahoo's 2009 search list

Michael Jackson's stunning death made him Yahoo's biggest star this year.

The quest to find out what happened to Jackson in his final hours on June 25 and celebrate his legacy elevated the late entertainer to the top of the Internet company's annual breakdown of the most frequent online search requests.

The self-proclaimed King of Pop ended singer Britney Spears' four-year reign atop Yahoo's search rankings.

Besides Jackson, the other

new entrants on Yahoo's Top 10 list this year were: No. 2, "Twilight," the vampire story that has spawned two movies; No. 4, actress Megan Fox; No. 8, reality star Kim Kardashian; and No. 9, NASCAR.

The other half of the list consisted of 2008 holdovers. They were: No. 3, WWE, or World Wrestling Entertainment; No. 5, Spears; No. 6, Naruto, an anime character; No. 7, top-rated television series "American Idol;" and No. 10, RuneScape, an online video game.

— The Associated Press



AP

Do you think John Mellencamp is smokin'? Maybe not for long.

## Mellencamp's son wants dad to toss cigs

John Mellencamp's 14-year-old son has started a social networking campaign on Facebook that he hopes will get his rocker dad to quit smoking.

The 58-year-old Mellencamp has said many times since his 1994 heart attack that he's failed in trying to kick his decades-old habit.

Mellencamp's youngest son, Speck, says his dad has promised

to quit if he gets 1 million people to join the Facebook group.

More than 7,000 people had joined the group as of Tuesday afternoon.

Mellencamp publicist Bob Merlis told The Associated Press that the challenge is legitimate.

The Facebook group is called: "1,000,000 to join, my dad John mellencamp will quit smoking."

— The Associated Press



New Line Cinema

Will Ferrell is scarily funny in "Elf."

## Holiday movie cheer

Enough with all the black-and-white, syrupy holiday musicals! If we hear about one more roasting chestnut or watch another lunatic running down the street in Bedford Falls screaming "Merry Christmas" at buildings, we're going to lose it.

Sorry to come across as a Scrooge, but what we really want most for Christmas is a holiday movie that lives in the now. To that end, we've picked out five favorite holiday movies released in the last 20 years. Do yourself a favor, and go rent one tonight.

## 1. Elf (2003)

We still cringe when Will Ferrell pours maple syrup on spaghetti and shovels it down his throat. (At least he had the good taste to fall for the enchanting Zooey Deschanel.) As Buddy the elf, Ferrell dispenses the best holiday advice in years: "The best way to spread Christmas cheer, is singing loud for all to hear."

## 2. Love Actually (2003)

This British heart-tugger follows the dysfunctional romantic lives of a group of loosely intertwined friends one December in London. Hugh Grant lends his star power as the lovelorn prime minister. But Bill Nighy steals the laughs as an aging rock star whose only Christmas wish is one more hit record.

## 3. Christmas Vacation (1989)

National Lampoon's "Vacation" franchise should have folded its tents after this masterpiece. Chevy Chase reprises his role as Clark Griswold, a father desperate to give his family the best Christmas ever — only to be sabotaged by in-laws.

## 4. Polar Express (2004)

Director Robert Zemeckis used motion-capture animation technology to tell the story of a magical train on a journey to the North Pole. Zemeckis used the same trickery for 2009's "A Christmas Carol," but it's too early to say whether that flick belongs on any "best of" list.

## 5. Bad Santa (2003)

Make sure the kids are all tucked away — better yet, let them sleep over at Grandma's — before breaking out this R-rated flick because Billy Bob Thornton (pictured left) earned an engraved spot on St. Nick's "naughty" list for this. The story of an alcoholic Santa and his thieving "elf" partner is rude, crude and maybe the funniest holiday movie ever.

— Steve Spears/St. Petersburg Times





## SHIFTING GEARS



# THINK TIRE PRICES ARE INFLATED?

By DEE-ANN DURBIN  
The Associated Press

DETROIT — Tire prices are inflating. Tariffs on imports, lower supplies and higher demand from drivers buying winter tires are combining to jack up costs.

Goodyear, the biggest U.S. tiremaker, just raised prices. Other manufacturers will likely follow to offset U.S. tariffs on Chinese-made tires and the rising cost of raw materials such as rubber and oil. Key-Banc analyst Saul Ludwig sees prices up 5 percent to 10 percent by January, the start of a year when Americans are expected to buy about 210 million replacement tires, according to the Rubber Manufacturers Association.

President Barack Obama slapped a 35 percent tariff on tires after a U.S. union claimed an influx of Chinese imports has cost more than 5,000 U.S. tire workers their jobs since 2004. Those replacement tires make up about 17 percent of the U.S. market, up from 5 percent in 2004.

Lumped together under the tariff are

tires made in China by major producers — including Michelin and Perelli — and tires made by Chinese manufacturers and sold in the U.S. under brand names such as Ling Long and Wanli.

But Chinese-made tires aren't the only ones getting more expensive.

Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. has raised the price on all consumer replacement tires sold in North America by 6 percent. The Akron, Ohio-based manufacturer cited raw material costs. Goodyear imports about 2 percent of its tires from China, so the increase also could offset tariffs.

A 6 percent increase would bring the cost of a set of 16-inch Goodyear Ultra Grip snow tires to \$432.48, according to online retailer Tire Rack.

Cooper Tire & Rubber Co., based in Findlay, Ohio, has boosted prices across its lineup to recoup the cost of Chinese tariffs. Ludwig expects Cooper to raise prices 5 percent to 10 percent in the first quarter because of raw materials costs. A set of Cooper's 16-inch Lifeline GLS tires, the company's moderately priced line, now costs about \$350.

While all tires meet U.S. safety standards, there can be major differences in quality.

Jennifer Stockburger, a tire test engineer for Consumer Reports, said six of the top 10 all-season tires recently tested by the magazine were made in China by major manufacturers.

Still, Stockburger said tires don't have to be expensive to be good. And tires from Chinese makers can cost significantly less, from a quarter to half the cost of tires from a major brand.

Under the government's new tariff, which went into effect in September, a set of Chinese tires that would have cost \$280 now cost nearly \$100 more.

Matt Edmonds, vice president of the online retailer Tire Rack, said the tariff punishes buyers who want cheaper tires. "It's going to impact those who really can afford it the least."

Edmonds said inventories are falling as some manufacturers delay shipments to move production out of China. That, combined with high demand, is one more factor pumping up prices.

Tire dealers also are seeing pent-up demand from buyers who put off purchases last year and can't wait any longer to get replacements before winter. PriceGrabber.com, a shopping site, reported tire sales were up 43 percent over last October.

## 210 million

the number of tires Americans are expected to buy in 2010

## \$432.68

the new price of a set of 16-inch Goodyear Ultra Grip snow tires, according to online retailer Tire Rack

## 35%

amount of the tire tariff signed by President Barack Obama

# 43%

amount tire sales increased this October compared to last October at PriceGrabber.com

## No need to replace tire air to avoid Big Bang



### Click and Clack

Tom and Ray Magliozzi

Dear Tom and Ray: I once knew a local minister who completely deflated all his tires twice annually, then reinflated them with fresh air. He said the procedure prevents bumpiness. His claim was just persuasive enough to leave a slight shred of doubt in my mind. So I thought I'd end my sleepless nights spent pondering this scenario by asking the experts. Thanks! — Cliff

RAY: Well, we hadn't known about this before, Cliff. But starting this afternoon, you can get the air changed in all four of your tires for the bargain price of \$99.95.

TOM: I'm dying to know the argument he used to persuade you, Cliff. I mean, I can't even make up a plausible argument for doing this.

RAY: Knowing the argument wouldn't help us sell this service to our customers, though.

TOM: It wouldn't?

RAY: No. Remember, the guy was a minister. If a minister tells you the sky is green, you'd seriously consider the possibility.

TOM: Right. But if we try to tell a customer that the Earth is round, he stabs his finger in our chest and says, "I know you guys are hosing me!"

RAY: Exactly.

TOM: Well, here's the only plausible explanation, Cliff. Once upon a time, there was a black hole in the universe. And over many billions of years, an atmosphere formed in that black hole. Planets, too.

RAY: So if you drove the car with that same air in those tires for billions of years, you might eventually form planets in there, which would, indeed, lead to a bumper ride.

Got a question about cars? E-mail Tom and Ray by visiting the Car Talk Web site at [www.cartalk.com](http://www.cartalk.com).

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## Automaker challenges cheapest car title

NEW DELHI — A little-known company in London is set to challenge Tata Nano as the cheapest car by rolling out a two-seater gas car for as little as \$2,200.

EcoCa comes with convertible roof and automatic gearbox.

The prototype, made of lightweight, high-strength ABS plastic, weighs about 725 pounds and has a top speed of about 45 mph.

Karman M Naghdi, of EcoCa Ltd, said the company hopes to build about 1,800 vehicles per month.

The tiny ride was inspired by the Volkswagen Beetle's design.

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# Heading home

## Survey: More young adults moving in with parents

By HOPE YEN

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Faced with limited job options, many young adults in the United States are turning to an old standby to weather the recession: move back in with Mom and Dad.

Nearly 1 in 7 parents with grown children say they had a "boomerang kid" move back home in the past year, according to a study being released this week by the Pew Research Center. In a turnabout in the rite of passage in which a college graduate finds a job and an apartment, many are returning to their parents' empty nests because of tight finances or as they pursue advanced degrees.

"The journey home for [the holidays] won't be quite so far this year for many adults," said researchers Wendy Wang and Rich Morin, who wrote the report.

Pew's survey and analysis of government data found that the share of adults 18 to 29 who lived alone declined from 7.9 percent in 2007 to 7.3 percent this year. Drops of that magnitude also were seen during or immediately after the recessions of 1982 and 2001.

Roughly one-third, or 35 percent, of boomerang kids said they had lived independently at some point in their lives but had

to move back in with their parents. About half the grown children worked full- or part-time, while 25 percent were unemployed and 20 percent were full-time students.

The findings are the latest to highlight the sweeping social impact of a recession that began in December 2007.

Data released early this year showed that older Americans will make up virtually all of the growth in the U.S. workforce in the coming years as a nearly unprecedented number hold onto jobs and younger people decide to stay in school.

Among 16- to 24-year-olds, fewer than half, or 46.1 percent, are employed, the smallest share since the government began collecting such data in 1948. At the same time, a record high of about 11.5 million Americans ages 18 to 24, or nearly 40 percent, attended college in October 2008.

"Boomerang kids are a major trend, and they represent a shift in cultural norms," said David Morrison, president and founder of Twentysomething Inc., a marketing and research firm.

"Young adults are the first to feel the brunt of a bad economy and the last to feel the benefits of a recovering economy. So the first way you hedge your bets is to

minimize your expenses."

Saying there is now less of a stigma in moving back home, Morrison predicted that the trend of boomerang kids may lessen somewhat. That could create longer-term ripple effects in American social relationships, from multigenerational family tensions to delayed marriage, he said.

According to the latest Pew survey and census data:

■ About 20 million people ages 18 to 34 live at home with their parents — roughly 30 percent of that age group. That is up from about 18 million, or 27 percent, in 2005.

■ About 12 percent of young adults ages 18 to 34 said they were forced to move in with a roommate because of the poor economy.

■ Fifteen percent of adults 18 to 34 said they had postponed getting married due to the recession. That share increases to 21 percent for adults ages 25 to 34, when many people tend to get married in the United States.

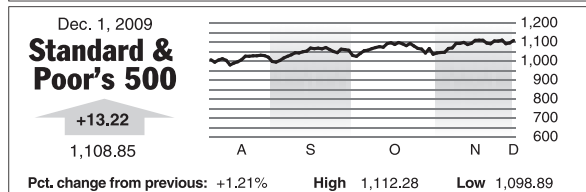
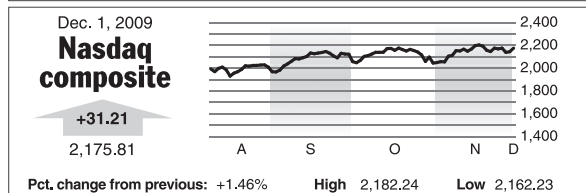
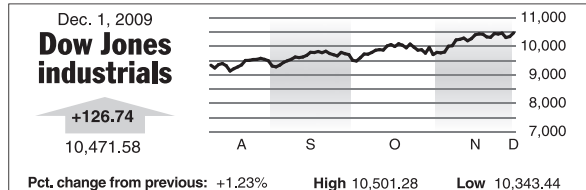
Pew based its findings on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Census Bureau.

It also interviewed 1,028 people ages 18 and older by cell phone or landline from Oct. 21-25. The poll has a margin of error of plus or minus 3.9 percentage points.

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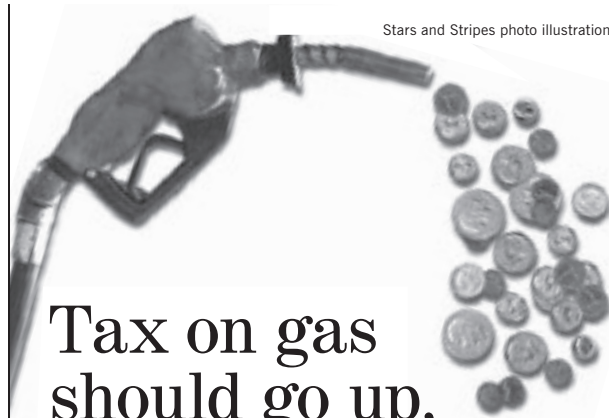
Number of 18- to 34-year-olds who live at home with their parents, according to a recent survey. That is up from about 18 million, or 27 percent, in 2005

### A DAY ON WALL STREET



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## Tax on gas should go up, says transit secretary

By GORDON DICKSON

McClatchy Newspapers

FORT WORTH, Texas — Congress should consider raising the federal gas tax for the first time since 1993, Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood said this week.

LaHood pledged to work with Congress on passing a five-year transportation bill in 2010. The main sticking point, he said, is that although about \$500 billion in highway, bridge and transit needs have been identified, the federal gas tax — 18.4 cents a gallon for gasoline — can't generate that much revenue.

One idea — indexing the gas tax so it increases gradually, as the cost of building roads goes up — is gaining steam at the state and federal levels.

"The problem we have is, Congress wants to pass a very robust transportation bill in the neighborhood of \$400 billion or \$500 billion, and we know the highway trust fund is just deficient in its ability to fund those kinds of projects," LaHood said at the seventh annual North Texas Transportation Summit at Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth.

"The highway trust fund was substantial at one time, but now with people driving less, and driving more fuel-efficient cars, it has become deficient. To index the federal fuel tax, that's something Congress is going to have to decide.

"When the gas tax was raised in 1992 or 1993, in the Clinton administration, there was a big debate whether it should be indexed. At that time, they thought there'd be a sufficient amount of money collected. Now we know that isn't the case."

LaHood spokeswoman Maureen Knightly clarified that the Obama administration still opposes increasing the gas tax, and that LaHood merely supports a debate on funding alternatives.

LaHood spoke to about 300 elected officials, engineers and other policymakers during the Monday summit, hosted by U.S. Rep. Michael Burgess, R-Texas. Although calling for a gas tax de-

*"Congress wants to pass a very robust transportation bill in the neighborhood of \$400 billion or \$500 billion, and we know the highway trust fund is just deficient in its ability to fund those kinds of projects."*

Ray LaHood

Transportation secretary

bate, LaHood didn't declare that the Obama administration would support an increase. Instead, he called on Congress to decide.

But broaching the subject of a gas tax increase is a dramatic shift.

During the Bush presidency, officials were quick to rule it out. LaHood also highlighted other means of increasing highway funds, including charging tolls, state infrastructure bank loans, selling bonds and eventually a per-mile fee charged to motorists based on when, where and how often they drive.

Burgess, who opposed the stimulus bill and has not supported the concept of a gas tax increase in the past, said Congress should instead give state and local governments more discretion to spend federal funds.

"We earmark money for transit. We earmark money for shrubs in the median," Burgess said.

"There has to be more flexibility built into this transportation bill."

### EXCHANGE RATES

#### Military rates

Japanese yen (Dec. 3)	85.00
South Korean won (Dec. 3)	1,125.00
Euro costs (Dec. 3)	\$1.5475
Dollar buys (Dec. 3)	€ 0.6462
British pound (Dec. 3)	\$1.71

#### Commercial rates

Bahrain (Dinar)	3.771
British pound	\$1.6657
Canada (Dollar)	1.0464
China (Yuan)	6.8295
Denmark (Krone)	4.9358
Egypt (Pound)	5.4705
Euro	\$1.5073/6634
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7500
Hungary (Forint)	179.21
Israel (Shekel)	3.7792
Japan (Yen)	87.23
Kuwait (Dinar)	2850
Norway (Krone)	5.5948
Philippines (Peso)	46.59
Poland (Zloty)	2.73
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7516
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3804
South Korea (Won)	1156.00
Switzerland (Franc)	1.0002
Thailand (Baht)	33.16
Turkey (New Lira)	1.4990

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

### INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	0.50
Federal funds market rate	0.00-0.25
3-month bill	0.04
30-year bond	4.28

Sources: Bank of America, The Associated Press



# Bhopal disaster effects still felt

The Associated Press

BHOPAL, India — Hazra Bi wishes she could forget. But her damaged family is a living reminder of that December night 25 years ago when lethal gas leaked from a pesticide plant in Bhopal, India, in the worst industrial disaster the world has ever seen.

The gas that swept through her poor neighborhood left her nearly blind in one eye, menopausal at 36, with searing headaches and breathlessness. It left her son, then 4, unable to control his bladder and suffering debilitating panic attacks. Two years ago, it gave her a granddaughter born severely underweight, her legs like twigs, who still cannot walk or talk.

The Bhopal industrial disaster killed about 4,000 people in the early hours of Dec. 3, 1984.

A few days later the death toll had doubled. Over the next few years, the lingering effects of the poison nearly doubled the toll again, to about 15,000, according to government estimates. Local activists say the real numbers are almost twice that.

A quarter-century later, thousands like Bi are still grappling with the effects of exposure to the deadly gas as it winds its way through generations not even born when the disaster struck. Rights groups say toxic waste from the plant still contaminates the soil and groundwater in nearby neighborhoods.

"We're still finding children as young as 2 months old being born with birth defects," said Satinath Sarangi, director of the Sambhavna Trust Clinic, which offers free health care for those exposed to gas or polluted water.

According to the government, at least 500,000 people were affected by the gas leak, and activists like Sarangi say thousands of children, born to parents directly exposed to the gas leak or poisoned by the contaminated water, are suffering from cleft lips, missing palates, twisted limbs.

Varying degrees of brain damage are being found, as are chaotic menstrual cycles, they said. Even more common are all sorts of skin, vision and breathing disorders.

Government officials say there is no current contamination and dismiss assertions that the birth defects are related to the disaster. Babul Gaur, the state minister for Gas Relief and Rehabilitation, said the diseases plaguing the children are only a consequence of living in poor slums.



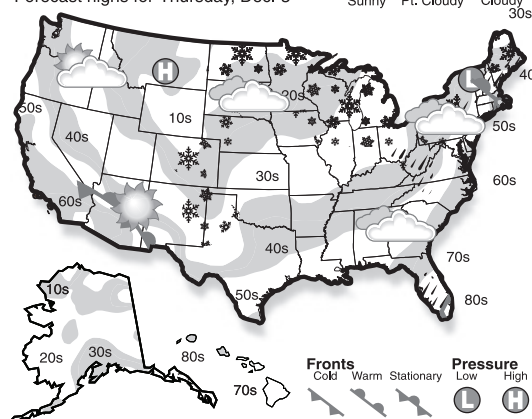
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**Children born with mental and physical disabilities hold candles Tuesday as they perform during a ceremony ahead of the 25th anniversary of the Bhopal gas disaster in Bhopal, India.**

## WEATHER OUTLOOK

### National forecast

Forecast highs for Thursday, Dec. 3



### Storm system hits Great Lakes/Northeast

A large storm system is expected to lift northeast across the Great Lakes and Northeast, producing strong winds, snow, rain and storms. A dome of cold high pressure will dip south, bringing much below average temperatures across the Plains.

Weather Underground • AP

### Wednesday's global temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Amsterdam	48	35	rn	La Paz	57	41	rn
Athens	68	55	pc	Lima	70	64	cdy
Auckland	75	62	rn	Lisbon	62	51	rn
Baghdad	64	47	clr	London	43	32	rn
Basra	66	48	pc	Madrid	50	38	pc
Bahrain	70	62	clr	Managua	91	73	clr
Bangkok	89	70	pc	Manila	90	76	rn
Barbados	88	78	clr	Mecca	93	71	pc
Barcelona	59	42	clr	Melbourne	69	48	clr
Beijing	48	27	clr	Mexico City	73	57	pc
Beirut	73	59	clr	Montevideo	79	55	cdy
Belgrade	63	47	rn	Montreal	36	27	sn
Berlin	44	37	rn	Moscow	41	33	cdy
Bermuda	76	66	rn	Nairobi	77	62	rn
Bogota	69	46	rn	Nassau	82	66	pc
Brasilia	80	66	rn	New Delhi	75	53	clr
Brisbane	80	68	rn	Nice	59	42	clr
Brussels	45	35	rn	Osaka	62	41	clr
Bucharest	48	34	cdy	Oslo	27	12	clr
Budapest	53	44	rn	Panama	90	74	pc
Buenos Aires	79	67	rn	Paris	46	39	rn
Cairo	75	56	clr	Perth	76	56	pc
Calgary	25	8	clr	Prague	40	37	rn
Caracas	89	77	clr	Rio de Janeiro	84	75	clr
Colombo	86	75	rn	Rome	53	46	rn
Copenhagen	40	33	pc	San Jose	82	66	pc
Dhahran	73	50	clr	San Juan	86	75	clr
Dhaka	83	61	clr	San Salvador	89	66	clr
Dili	90	75	clr	Santiago	80	52	pc
Dubai	78	68	pc	Sao Paulo	80	69	rn
Dublin	46	27	rn	Sapporo	42	29	rn
Frankfurt	47	41	rn	Seoul	50	32	pc
Geneva	44	32	rn	Singapore	90	74	rn
Guatemala	78	62	pc	Sofia	55	35	cdy
Hanoi	76	64	pc	Stockholm	42	24	sn
Harare	80	61	rn	Sydney	66	58	rn
Havana	86	57	clr	Taipei	66	62	pc
Helsinki	42	33	rn	Tegucigalpa	79	56	pc
Hong Kong	70	60	clr	Tehran	48	37	pc
Islamabad	77	46	clr	Tel Aviv	75	53	clr
Istanbul	63	48	pc	Tokyo	57	48	clr
Jakarta	90	75	rn	Turin	51	37	pc
Jerusalem	75	53	clr	Toronto	46	36	sn
Johannesburg	77	56	rn	Tunis	57	48	rn
Kabul	48	39	rn	Valletta	64	53	rn
Kiev	51	39	rn	Vancouver	46	33	pc
Kuala Lumpur	88	75	rn	Vienna	50	41	rn
Kuwait	66	48	clr	Warsaw	55	46	rn
				Zurich	36	31	sn

## FRIDAY'S FORECAST



The weather is provided by the American Forces Network Weather Center, 2nd Weather Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

### Thursday's U.S. temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	Casper	17	04	Cldy	Erie	48	45	Snow	Jacksonville	69	57	PCldy	Montgomery	57	43	Cldy	Richmond	65	56	PCldy	Springfield, Ill	34	28	Snow
Abilene, Tex	39	29	Cldy	Charleston, S.C.	68	58	PCldy	Eugene	47	28	PCldy	Juneau	37	32	Snow	Nashville	43	39	Cldy	Roanoke	55	48	Cldy	Springfield, Mo	33	27	PCldy
Akron, Ohio	42	38	Cldy	Charleston, W.Va.	47	45	Rain	Evansville	41	34	Cldy	Kansas City	33	23	Cldy	New Orleans	57	45	Clr	Rochester	44	41	Rain	Syracuse	46	44	Rain
Albany, N.Y.	62	46	Rain	Charlotte, N.C.	61	50	PCldy	Fairbanks	09	00	Clr	Key West	81	75	Rain	New York City	65	50	Rain	Rockford	35	27	Snow	Tallahassee	65	49	PCldy
Albuquerque	40	28	PCldy	Chattanooga	50	40	Cldy	Fargo	22	14	Cldy	Knoxville	48	42	Cldy	Newark	67	50	Rain	Sacramento	60	34	Clr	Tampa	74	65	Cldy
Allentown, Pa.	56	48	Cldy	Cheyenne	16	05	Cldy	Flagstaff	40	14	Clr	Lake Charles	57	37	PCldy	Norfolk, Va.	68	59	Clr	St Louis	36	29	Snow	Toledo	40	36	Cldy
Amarillo	28	20	Cldy	Chicago	35	29	Snow	Flint	39	33	Cldy	Lansing	35	31	Cldy	North Platte	28	12	Cldy	St Petersburg	73	66	Cldy	Topeka	34	23	Cldy
Anchorage	29	25	PCldy	Cincinnati	39	37	Cldy	Fort Smith	41	28	PCldy	Las Vegas	57	38	Clr	Oklahoma City	42	28	Cldy	St Thomas	86	77	PCldy	Tucson	65	40	Clr
Asheville	51	42	PCldy	Cleveland	43	42	Cldy	Fort Wayne	35	33	Cldy	Lexington	42	38	Cldy	Omaha	31	22	Snow	Salem, Ore.	47	30	PCldy	Tulsa	42	28	PCldy
Atlanta	54	41	Cldy	Colorado Springs	19	08	Cldy	Fresno	62	37	Clr	Lincoln	32	18	Snow	Orlando	73	64	Cldy	Salt Lake City	28	13	Clr	Tupelo	47	38	Cldy
Atlantic City	59	54	Clr	Columbia, S.C.	64	52	PCldy	Goodland	26	13	Cldy	Little Rock	46	32	PCldy	Paducah	42	33	Cldy	San Angelo	39	30	Cldy	Waco	48	34	Cldy
Austin	53	35	Cldy	Columbus, Ga.	59	45	PCldy	Grand Junction	34	09	Clr	Los Angeles	69	50	Cldy	Pendleton	40	23	Cldy	San Antonio	54	39	Cldy	Washington, D.C.	62	52	Cldy
Baltimore	59	51	Cldy	Columbus, Ohio	40	40	Cldy	Grand Rapids	36	31	Snow	Louisville	43	37	Cldy	Peoria	32	27	Snow	San Diego	65	51	PCldy	W. Palm Beach	84	72	Rain
Baton Rouge	57	40	Clr	Concord, N.H.	52	41	Rain	Great Falls	25	05	Clr	Lubbock	31	24	Cldy	Philadelphia	58	52	Cldy	San Francisco	57	44	Clr	Wichita	36	20	Clr
Billings	26	08	PCldy	Corpus Christi	60	45	PCldy	Green Bay	31	25	Snow	Macon	61	45	PCldy	Phoenix	69	45	Clr	San Jose	62	38	Clr	Wichita Falls	47	30	Cldy
Birmingham	50	39	Cldy	Dallas-Ft Worth	46	35	Cldy	Greensboro, N.C.	59	55	PCldy	Madison	32	26	Snow	Pittsburgh	44	43	Rain	Santa Fe	33	19	PCldy	Wilkes-Barre	50	48	Rain
Bismarck	23	09	Cldy	Dayton	37	37	Cldy	Harrisburg	55	47	Cldy	Medford	44	27	Cldy	Pocahontas	24	03	Clr	St Ste Marie	30	24	Cldy	Wilmington, Del.	58	51	Clr
Boise	38	22	Clr	Daytona Beach	70	63	Cldy	Hartford Spgfld	65	47	Rain	Memphis	46	36	Cldy	Portland, Maine	51	42	Rain	Savannah	67	54	PCldy	Yakima	41	22	Cldy
Boston	64	47	Rain	Denver	21	09	Cldy	Helena	23	08	Clr	Miami Beach	84	74	Rain	Portland, Ore.	46	33	PCldy	Seattle	47	36	Clr	Youngstown	44	40	Cldy
Bridgeport	60	48	Rain	Des Moines	30	25	Cldy	Honolulu	82	67	Clr	Midland-Odessa	34	26	Cldy	Providence	65	48	Rain	Shreveport	50	33	PCldy				
Brownsville	68	49	Cldy	Detroit	40	37	Cldy	Houston	56	37	PCldy	Milwaukee	35	30	Snow	Pueblo	22	09	Cldy	Sioux City	27	19	Snow				
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Burlington, Vt.	50	41	Rain	El Paso	57	36	Clr	Indianapolis	36	34	Cldy	Missoula	29	10	Clr	Rapid City	21	09	Clr	South Bend	34	32	Snow				
Caribou, Maine	37	29	Rain	Elkins	41	40	Rain	Jackson, Miss.	54	37	PCldy	Mobile	57	42	PCldy	Reno	46	22	Clr	Spokane	33	18	PCldy				



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## OPINION

## A 'tentative surgelet' that will not end well

By GEORGE F. WILL

WASHINGTON

A traveler asks a farmer how to get to a particular village. The farmer replies, "If I were you, I wouldn't start from here." Barack Obama, who asked to be president, nevertheless deserves sympathy for having to start where America is in Afghanistan.

But after 11 months of graceless disparagements of the 43rd president, the 44th acts as though he is the first president whose predecessor bequeathed a problematic world. And Obama's second new Afghanistan policy in less than nine months strikingly resembles his predecessor's plan for Iraq, which was: As Iraq's security forces stand up, U.S. forces will stand down.

Having vowed to "finish the job," Obama revealed Tuesday that he thinks the job in Afghanistan is to get out of Afghanistan. This is an unserious policy.

Obama's surge will bring to 51,000 his Afghanistan escalation since March. Supposedly this will buy time for Afghan forces to become adequate. But it is not intended to buy much time: Although the war is in its 98th month, Obama's "Mission Accomplished" banner will be unfurled 19 months from now — when Afghanistan's security forces supposedly will be self-sufficient. He must know this will not happen.

In a spate of mid-November interviews — while participating in the president's protracted rethinking of policy — Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton described America's Afghanistan goal(s) somewhat differently. They are "to defeat al-Qaida and its extremist allies" because "al-Qaida and the other extremists are part of a syndicate of terror, with al-Qaida

still being an inspiration, a funder, a trainer, an equipper and director of a lot of what goes on." And: "We want to do everything we can to disrupt, dismantle and defeat al-Qaida." And: "We want to get the people who attacked us." And: "We want to get al-Qaida." And: "We are in Afghanistan because we cannot permit the return of a staging platform for terrorists."

But al-Qaida fighters in Afghanistan do not number in the tens of thousands, or even thousands. Or perhaps even hundreds. Although "the people who attacked us" were al-Qaida, the threat that justifies today's escalation is, Clinton says, a "syndicate of terror" of which al-Qaida is just an important part. But is Afghanistan central to the syndicate?

George W. Bush waged preventive war in Iraq regarding (nonexistent) weapons of mass destruction. Obama is waging preventive war in Afghanistan to prevent it from again becoming "a staging platform for terrorists," which Somalia, Yemen or other sovereignty near-vacuums also could become. To prevent the "staging platform" scenario, U.S. forces might have to be engaged in Afghanistan for decades before its government can prevent that by itself.

Before Tuesday, the administration had said (through White House spokesman Robert Gibbs) that U.S. forces will not be there "another eight or nine years." Tuesday the Taliban heard a distant U.S. trumpet sounding withdrawal beginning in 19 months. Also hearing it were Afghans who must decide whether to bet their lives on the Americans, who will begin striking their tents in July 2011, or on the Taliban, who are not going home, because they are at home.

Many Democrats, who think the \$787



billion stimulus was too small and want another one (but by another name), are flinching from the \$30 billion one-year cost of the Afghan surge. Considering that the GM and GMAC bailouts (\$63 billion) are five times bigger than Afghanistan's GDP (\$12 billion), Democrats seem to be selective worriers about deficits. Of course, their real worry is how to wriggle out of their endorsement of the "necessary" war in Afghanistan, which was a merely tactical endorsement intended to disparage the "war of choice" in Iraq.

The president's party will not support his new policy, his budget will not accommodate it, our overstretched and worn down military will be hard-pressed to execute it, and Americans' patience will not be com-

mensurate with Afghanistan's limitless demands for it. This will not end well.

A case can be made for a serious, meaning larger and more protracted, surge. A better case can be made for a radically reduced investment of resources and prestige in that forlorn country. Obama has not made a convincing case for his tentative surgelet.

George Orwell said the quickest way to end a war is to lose it. But Obama's half-hearted embrace of a half-baked nonstrategy — briefly feinting toward the Taliban (or al-Qaida, or a "syndicate of terror") while lunging for the exit ramp — makes a protracted loss probable.

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## Obama conveyed strength to forward-deployed troops

Chicago Tribune editorial

President Barack Obama asked his citizenry Tuesday night to give fresh support — and 30,000 fresh troops — to a war in Afghanistan that many Americans don't understand. He made a compelling case on five key matters:

■ **The case for troops:** Obama argued specifically — and effectively, we thought — that additional troops can help accomplish three goals: denying al-Qaida a base of influence, reversing the Taliban's current momentum and strengthening the capacity of Afghanistan's Security Forces and government, "so that they can take lead responsibility for Afghanistan's future." His intent to target the insurgency and secure population centers echoes the "surge" strategy that, at a similar impasse, achieved successes in Iraq. Obama made the right call for more troops and set the right priorities for those extra boots on the ground.

■ **The larger war:** Afghanistan is but the latest battlefield, but probably not the last, in a war against Islamic extremism that our foes launched roughly three decades ago and, as Obama noted, this nation didn't invite. His evocation of al-Qaida safe havens nurturing attacks "against London and Amman and Bali" was a sharp reminder that we're fighting a broader war — and that tumult or takeover in a nuclear-armed Pakistan are threats we need to diminish.

■ **Benchmarks for Kabul:** Here he was less specific. Obama correctly insisted that the Afghan government needs to take advantage of improved security to more effectively control and defend the country. "This effort must be based on performance," he said. "The days of providing a



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Cadets listen as President Barack Obama speaks about the war in Afghanistan at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., on Tuesday.

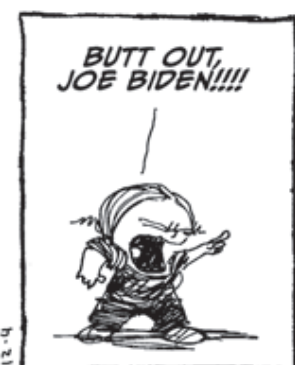
blank check are over." In Iraq, that attitude didn't produce a perfect country, but it did force Iraqi leaders to finally confront the reality that U.S. combat troops won't be a permanent protective fixture. Crucial message, well argued.

■ **A timetable for withdrawal:** We've argued often that timetables for military withdrawal primarily tell our opponents how long they need to hang tough before we start to leave. Obama's discussion of intended timetables — more troops now,

withdrawals begin in 18 months — may deflect some of the heat he'll get from his party's liberal base for upping the ante. But he did leave himself ample wiggle room, saying he would take into account facts on the ground. Securing Afghanistan, not placating opponents of Obama's strategy, is the paramount U.S. goal. The sentence we wish we'd heard: I will bring our troops home just as rapidly as they have completed their mission.

■ **Closing the sale:** No speech calling for more troops by the tens of thousands can please much of Obama's political base. But he did offer compelling logic and reassurance to the millions of Americans who have seen the Afghan conflict as an effort adrift, a U.S. loss in the making. His show of resolve Tuesday night ought to impress the doubters and, more important, encourage the men and women he'll deploy.

## Prickly City



By SCOTT STANTIS



## Here, kitty, kitty: Wildcat found

**TX** ST. PAUL—The big cat is back.

A statement from Collin County says a 40-pound cat reported missing by its owner has been captured near its home in the St. Paul area.

The medium-sized African wildcat, which resembles a cheetah, was spotted in a wooded area, then was captured by animal control officers.

The exotic animal was placed with a veterinarian for observation. St. Paul is about 20 miles northeast of Dallas.

## Lawyer charged in alleged fraud scheme

**FL** FORT LAUDERDALE — A once high-flying attorney who courted politicians and celebrities was arrested on federal racketeering and fraud charges alleging he operated a \$1 billion investment scheme involving phony legal settlements.

Lawyer Scott Rothstein was led into the Miami FBI office in handcuffs following his early morning arrest on five charges, including a violation of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations, or RICO law, often used against the Mafia and other criminal organizations.

Rothstein was also charged with wire fraud, money laundering, and mail and wire fraud conspiracy. The combined maximum prison term for convictions on all counts is 100 years, according to court documents.

Rothstein has pleaded not guilty.

## Police shoot suspect during truck incident

**HI** HONOLULU — A 21-year-old man was hospitalized after an officer-involved shooting near Honolulu's Kamehameha Shopping Center.

Honolulu police say plainclothes officers opened fire on Reinier Sales when they say he endangered the officers by revving an engine of a pickup truck he was driving and trying to get away from the officers.

Honolulu police Capt. Letha DeCaires says Sales was behind the wheel of the stolen vehicle when he drove "directly" at one of the officers, hitting an unmarked car.

## Students charged in 'South Park' school case

**CA** LOS ANGELES — Three boys were booked on suspicion of bullying or kicking red-haired students at a middle school when a "Kick a Ginger Day" prank inspired by a "South Park" episode got out of hand, authorities said.

A 13-year-old boy was detained for investigation of threatening to inflict injury by means of electronic communication — essentially, cyberbullying. Two 12-year-olds were booked for battery on school property, Los Angeles County sheriff's spokesman Steve Whitmore said.

The three suspects, whose identities were not released because of their ages, were booked and released to their parents.

They could face misdemeanor charges, but it was unclear when



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the case might be submitted for possible prosecution, Whitmore said.

Investigators said the attacks apparently were inspired by a 2005 episode of "South Park" that parodied racial prejudice by having the character Cartman incite a hate campaign against freckled, red-haired "ginger kids."

## Cop's job zapped after Taser of 10-year-old

**AR** LITTLE ROCK — The police officer in a small Arkansas town who used a stun gun on an unruly 10-year-old girl has been fired for violating department policy — not for using the Taser itself but for failing to use the camera attached to it, according to the town's mayor.

Ozark Mayor Vernon McDaniel said he received notice of Officer Dustin Bradshaw's firing. Bradshaw previously was suspended for seven days with pay.

## Yellowstone officials OK new development plan

**MT** BILLINGS — Park officials say a new comprehensive plan for development in a north-central region of Yellowstone National Park has been adopted.

Yellowstone comprehensive planning chief Eleanor Williams Clark says the plan doesn't specify that construction has to happen at Tower-Roosevelt. It only dictates

how the construction should be done if any development should occur.

The decision adopts a medium level of change to accommodate new structures while ensuring that they blend with the rustic and historic nature of the area, which is one of the most heavily booked sites in the park.

The plan is the first of its kind for the park and includes a detailed resource inventory of the area.

## Plastic surgeon jailed in patient gropings

**CA** SACRAMENTO — A former California plastic surgeon was sentenced to three years and eight months in state prison for groping female patients.

Dr. Scott Takasugi was convicted of sexually exploiting two of his patients by touching their genitals before he operated on them.

His sentencing had been delayed twice, the first time because of the death of his father, former state Assemblyman Nao Takasugi. Sentencing was delayed again while the 56-year-old former Kaiser surgeon underwent a 72-hour psychiatric evaluation in Ventura.

## Scales of justice: Suit filed in fish pedicures

**AZ** MESA — A conservative watchdog group has filed a lawsuit against an Arizona agency on behalf of a salon owner who uses nibbling fish to remove dead skin from the feet of customers.

The lawsuit filed by Goldwater Institute says the Arizona Board of Cosmetology overstepped its bounds when it decided the fish perform pedicures and are subject to regulatory control.

Cindy Vong opened Spa Fish Therapy in Gilbert last year and charged customers \$30 to plunge their feet into a clean tank filled with fish that nibble on customers' feet, removing dead skin.

The therapy is popular in Asia and some U.S. states.

## White rhino born at conservation center

**OH** CUMBERLAND — Officials at a southeast Ohio conservation center say a southern white rhinoceros could be the first fourth-generation member of the threatened species born in any other North American managed herd.

The southern white, or African rhino, was almost extinct at the turn of the century. Some were exported to North American and Europe in the 1950s. Estimated populations grew to more than 11,000 in the wild and 740 in captivity by 2005.

## Gold standard: Pricely coin dropped in kettle

**PA** YORK — The Salvation Army says someone dropped a gold Krugerrand worth more than \$1,000 in a collection kettle in south-central Pennsylvania.

York Salvation Army Maj. Lurlene Mudge says the South African gold coin was wrapped in a \$1 bill and later discovered while counting the collections.



**Honing his craft** John Kent works on a toy jeep in his makeshift woodshop in the community of Crystal Beach outside of Lake Havasu City, Ariz.



**Holiday blooms** Ramon Villalobos and his wife, Raquel, prepare poinsettias for shipment at SunWest Growers in Sunnyside, Wash.



**Recovery mission** A diver holds onto a boat while searching for a sport utility vehicle at Gray's Lake in Des Moines, Iowa. A woman's body was found in the vehicle.



Yeeeee-haw!

**David Hernandez, top, and David Hernandez Jr., 8, of Tucson sled down a snowy hill in Summerhaven, Ariz., at the top of Mt. Lemmon.**





**Sunken relic**  
A World War II-era F6F-3 Hellcat fighter is seen at Larsen Marine in Waukegan, Ill., after it was recovered from 250 feet of water in Lake Michigan. The plane crashed into the lake during a training exercise in January 1945. The plane eventually will be displayed at a museum.



**On the hunt**  
Texas Department of Criminal Justice officials search for Arcade Joseph Comeaux Jr., a convicted sex offender serving a life sentence, in Baytown, Texas. The guards were transferring Comeaux, 49, from a prison in Huntsville to one in Beaumont, when he pulled out a gun and told the guards to stop the vehicle, said a spokeswoman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.



**Down to earth folks**  
Space shuttle Atlantis commander Charlie Hobaugh, second left, is joined by fellow STS-129 crewmembers, from left, pilot Barry Wilmore, Mission Specialists Leland Melvin, Randy Bresnik, Mike Foreman and Bobby Satcher and International Space Station resident Nicole Stott during a ceremony at Ellington Field in Houston welcoming the crew home from its recent 11-day mission.

**Feathers ruffled over clubbing death of bird**

**HI** HONOLULU — An Oahu woman accused of clubbing to death a peacock with a baseball bat is seeking dismissal of the animal cruelty charge against her.

Sandra Maloney's defense attorney, Randall Oyama, said that the law used to charge his client doesn't apply to peacocks. Oyama says the fowl aren't pets, but rather "nuisances, pests or vermin."

Deputy City Prosecutor Steve Bumanglag argued peacocks aren't legally classified as pests and that the animal cruelty statute does apply to them.

Maloney has admitted to killing the bird because she was tired of its constant squawking.

She is charged with second-degree animal cruelty, punishable by up to a year in jail and a \$2,000 fine.

**Energy firm to buy big chunk of drilling sites**

**OK** OKLAHOMA CITY — SandRidge Energy Inc. says it has agreed to buy Permian Basin oil and gas properties from Forest Oil Corp. for \$800 million.

Oklahoma City-based SandRidge Energy announced it would acquire the west Texas properties, which cover more than 90,000 net acres. The purchase will increase SandRidge's leasehold in the Permian Basin to more than 130,000 net acres.

The independent oil and natural gas company says about \$720 million of the purchase price is attributable to reserves and \$80 million to undeveloped acreage, equipment and other assets. The acquired acreage has more than 1,200 drilling locations.

**Man now accused in 1991 death of wife**

**NY** SYRACUSE — A New York man has been charged with killing his pregnant estranged wife — 18 years after her body and her dead fetus were found behind a Syracuse restaurant.

The Onondaga County District Attorney's office said John Rogers, 44, is charged with second-degree murder in the death of Michelle Thomas, who was 25 and seven months pregnant when she was strangled in 1991. Rogers wasn't charged in the baby's death because it's unknown whether it was born alive.

A cold case team took on the case last year and got information from new witnesses. Prosecutors say DNA testing showed Rogers wasn't the baby's father, giving him a motive.

**State looks to preserve family farming history**

**MT** BILLINGS — Henry Armstrong's family has farmed the same patch of central Montana land for 100 years, hanging on through the Depression, low wheat prices and the ever-present risk that the next generation would move on.

As employment pressures and the lure of faraway opportunities split apart agricultural families, many farms and ranches have been consolidated, sliced into subdivisions or converted into over-

sized estates for the wealthy.

But in a bid to capture and preserve a slice of the state's past, the Montana Historical Society has started a drive to identify families that have farmed or ranched the same land for a century or more.

The Centennial Farm and Ranch Program was created under a bill passed by the 2009 Legislature. The intent is to honor Montana's heritage while compiling family histories to be archived and eventually compiled for the society's Web site.

**Pizza driver dimes out couple over pot smoke**

**TX** BROWNSVILLE — A couple faces charges after a delivery driver in Brownsville allegedly saw smoke and smelled marijuana as children paid for some pizza.

Baltazar De La Garza, 29, and Desiree Izaguirre, 25, were jailed on six counts of child endangerment and one count of possession of marijuana.

Bail was \$330,000 apiece. Electronic records at the Cameron County jail did not list an attorney for either.

KRGV-TV reports six youngsters who were at the home are staying with relatives as Child Protective Services investigates.

Police received a call from the concerned pizza delivery man. Officers recovered about 400 pounds of bundled marijuana from the residence.

**Police seek suspect in attack on blind woman**

**PA** PHILADELPHIA — Police are searching for a man they say beat and raped a blind woman in her home.

Authorities say the 50-year-old victim was walking toward the front door of her home in the city's Mayfair section when the attacker approached her from behind.

The woman was pushed inside her home, beaten and raped. She has been hospitalized with injuries.

Police did not know how long the attack lasted but sent a SWAT team to the home because the victim was unsure whether the man had left.

Detectives say the woman's home was ransacked and they're investigating whether more than one attacker was involved.

**Long Beach company sends satellite into orbit**

**CA** LONG BEACH — The California-based international partnership Sea Launch Co. has successfully launched a satellite for Intelsat customers from its land-launch operation in Kazakhstan.

Spokeswoman Paula Korn at the company's Long Beach headquarters says everything performed as planned.

More than six hours after launch, the satellite separated from the upper stage. The first signals from orbit were received a short time later.

It's the fourth land launch for the company best known for launches from a floating platform on the equator.



# Horoscope

The nurturing Cancer moon has an agenda. She wants us to focus on the word "home" and all it means to us. Chances are it's not so much the actual brick and mortar that makes up the dwelling but the things we do to care for ourselves (and other people and pets) under that roof that makes it feel like we belong there.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 4).** Your tenacity is trumped only by your optimism. You focus on solutions this year and will find them — not just for yourself but for family and organizations, too. A personal triumph happens in March. Much time, energy and planning will go into a fantastic June event. Your work will bring in big money in August. Aquarius and Cancer people adore you.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** In your book, it's no fun to merely beat the competition — you must also crush them. It will be a fun day for you because your opposition is well matched and many are counting on you to win.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** You have an unusual interest, so it's all the more fantastic to find someone who shares it. Talk about that rare activity or study you so enjoy, and you'll be surprised by who chimes in with enthusiasm.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** You've been called an overachiever, though you have no clue what that means. How can a person possibly achieve too much? You won't be surprised at your high level of productivity today, though others might be.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Make whatever plans you have more special by giving them more of your attention. Assume that every little detail will matter to the others involved. Dress up for dinner. You won't regret devoting the extra effort.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** There are givers, and there are takers. You're

definitely a giver, though it benefits you today to do a little of both. People will be flattered by your enjoyment of their offerings.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Like a wool sweater on a cool autumn evening, you are the perfect complement to your surroundings. You blend in without disappearing and are present without needing too much attention. Your quiet confidence attracts followers.

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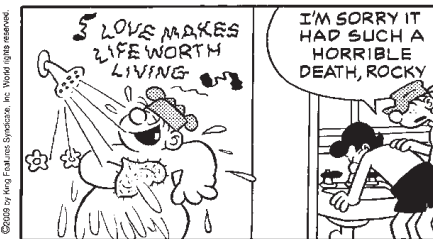
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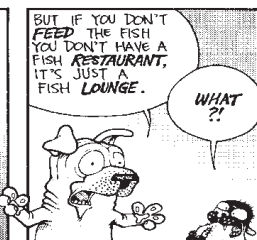
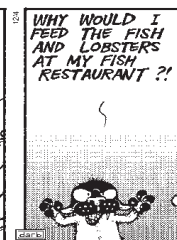
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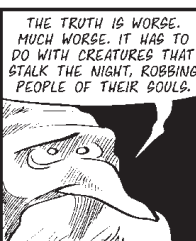
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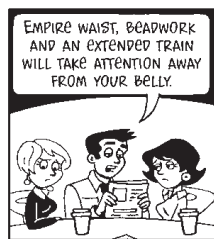
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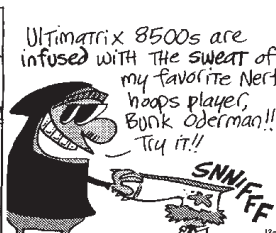
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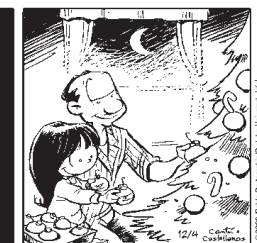
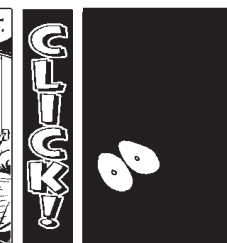
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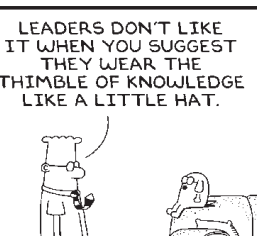
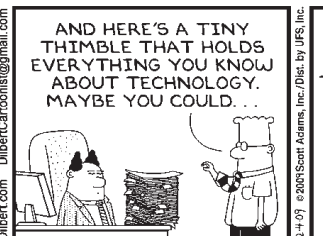
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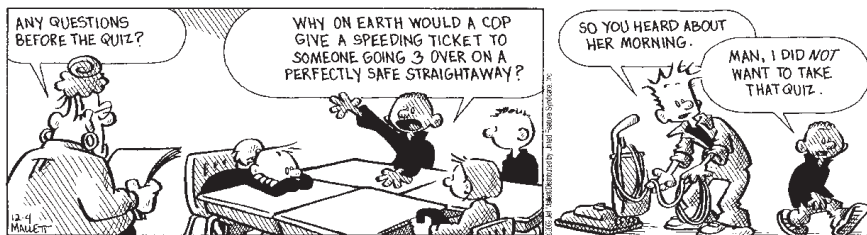
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Yesterday's solution

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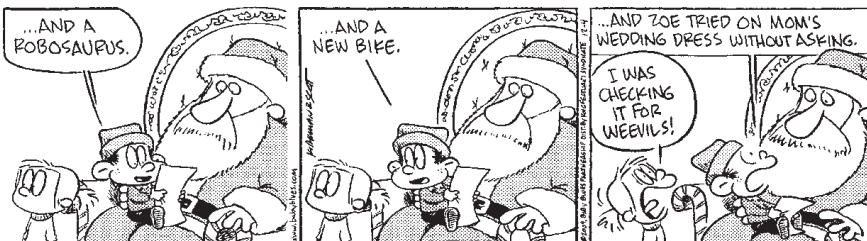
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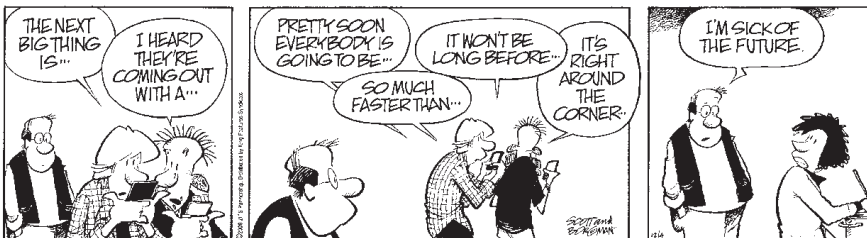
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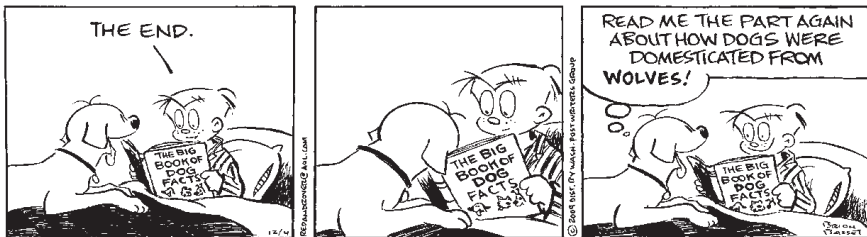
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## Eugene Sheffer Crossword

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### ACROSS

- 1 Subordinate Clauses?
- 6 Kreskin's claim
- 9 Performance
- 12 Percolate
- 13 Multipurpose truck
- 14 Shad product
- 15 Special domain
- 16 Masked bandit?
- 18 Not so hot
- 20 Pumps up the volume
- 21 Miss Piggy's pronoun
- 23 Tibetan beast
- 24 Wooden box
- 25 Twinge, as of hunger
- 27 Indistinct
- 29 Tale of Danny and Sandy
- 31 Legendary monster, familiarly
- 35 Haile Selassie disciple
- 37 "Smooth Operator" singer
- 38 Humdinger
- 41 Historic time
- 43 Anti
- 44 Decorative case for pins
- 45 Cheap Monopoly avenue
- 47 Dionysus' alias
- 49 Speechify
- 52 Will Smith biopic

- 53 Raw rock
- 54 "Psycho" setting
- 55 "Comin' Thro' the —"
- 56 Conclusion
- 57 Furtive sort

### DOWN

- 1 Bygone times, in bygone times
- 2 Romanian coin
- 3 H1N1 defense
- 4 Reverberate
- 5 As a wallflower might
- 6 Archimedes' cry
- 7 Luminary
- 8 Chest muscle, for short
- 9 Scent
- 10 Take over
- 11 On edge
- 17 Loving touch
- 19 Barry and Brubeck
- 21 Auto ad stat
- 22 Rowing need
- 24 Prompt
- 26 Vampire deterrent
- 28 Deform by twisting
- 30 Put into words
- 32 Pouchlike
- 33 "— not choose to run"
- 34 Bard's nightfall
- 36 Backcombed
- 38 Preclude
- 39 Leghorn's locale
- 40 Desi Jr.'s sister
- 42 Fermi's bits
- 45 Scorch
- 46 Unyielding
- 48 Weeding tool
- 50 Jetsam of 1773
- 51 Wapiti

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

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 ARE FIGHTING OVER SEEDLESS ORANGES, WOULD  
 YOU SAY THAT IS NAVEL WARFARE?  
 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: W equals I



# Man's silence spurs family panic

**Dear Abby:** I have been married to "Mick" for 22 years. My problem is his communication skills. I have always had a hard time contacting him. He has a cell phone, but won't take it out of his vehicle.

Recently, our daughter came home from college. We had planned to go to dinner with her and her boyfriend. When Mick didn't show up, I tried without success to contact him. We were worried sick, so we started calling his friends.

Abby, I have a serious heart condition that could send me to the hospital at any time.

Mick finally called back and said he had gotten distracted talking with an old friend. He acted like we were crazy for being concerned.

All I have ever asked is that my husband and kids give me a quick call to let me know if they're going to be late so I won't worry. Mick refuses.

What do you think?

— Sick And Tired Of It, in South Carolina

*Dear Sick And Tired Of It: Candidly, I think Mick is acting more like a rebellious teenager rather than a caring husband. Because he has been this way for 22 years, I seriously doubt he is capable of change. That's why I also think you should talk to your attorney about adding another family member to your Advance Directive for Health Care, in case you have a medical emergency.*

Dear Abby



**Dear Abby:** I married "Marge" 18 months ago. It was a second marriage for both of us. We agreed to sell our homes and buy something together. Mine sold and now I'm in her house.

Things were fine until Marge's daughter and son-in-law moved in. It was supposed to be a three- or four-day stay, but it's now into the fifth week. They always claim

to be right on the edge of leaving. Marge enjoys having her daughter near her, but this is stressful for me.

They enjoy all that we have earned throughout our lives, and offer nothing in the way of rent.

I am to the point where I'm ready to move out.

— Trapped in Their House

*Dear Trapped: More troubling than the fact you appear to have been invaded by freeloaders is that you say you are "not allowed" to voice your feelings about it.*

Marriage is supposed to be a partnership of equals, and if one partner is not happy, healthy couples work out an agreeable solution together. Because you have been unable to do this, I recommend marriage counseling before you pack your bags.

I'm hoping you and Marge can form a united front in telling "the kids" they have a deadline.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at <http://www.uepress.com/dearabby> Universal Press Syndicate

## JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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INORM

BOGTLE

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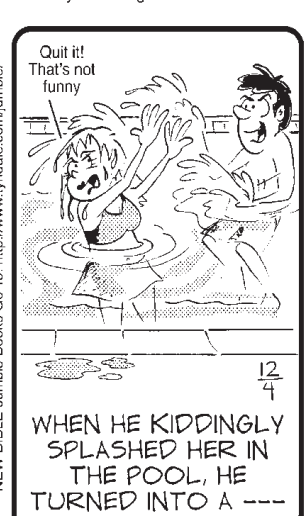
Print answer here:

Answers tomorrow

Yesterday's Jumbles: OCCUR ALIVE BISECT DINGHY

Answer: What the shopper got at the butcher shop — "CHOICE" ADVICE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek



WHEN HE KIDDINGLY SPLASHED HER IN THE POOL, HE TURNED INTO A ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Pearls Before Swine



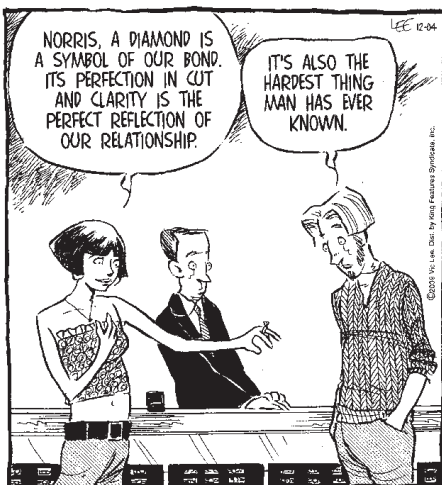
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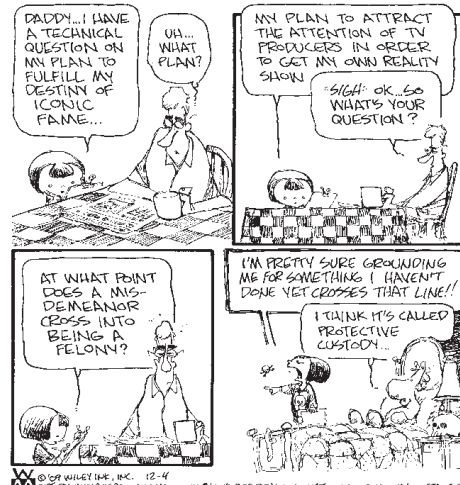
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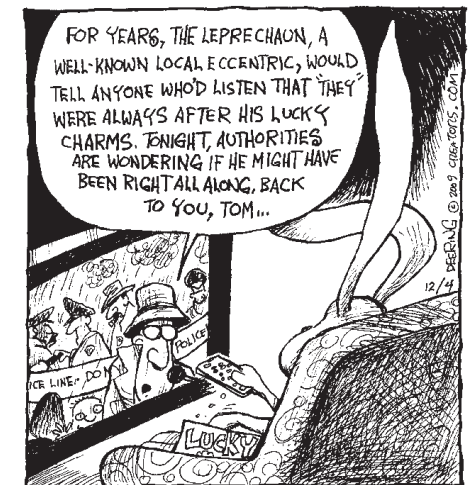
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Strange Brew



Speed Bump



## AFN Television Schedule

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2009

	AFN/prime Atlantic	AFN/family	AFN/movie	AFN/news	AFN/prime Pacific	PENTAGON	AFN/spectrum	AFN/sports	AFN/xtra
15:00	NBC Nightly News	Funniest Home Videos	(10) Movie "Wayne's World" (1992) Mike Myers.	Your World With Neil Cavuto	Days of our Lives	AFN Europe Report	Design on a Dime	SportsCenter	Sports
15:30	World News-Gibson	Planet's Funniest Animals	A producer tries to restructure a cable access show.	The Rachel Maddow Show	Oprah Winfrey	Balad and Beyond	Deserving Design		
16:00	Sesame Street	(3:50) Pokémon				Fit For Duty	MythBusters Testing myths about survival.	SportsCenter	
16:30		(4:00) Zatch Bell				Battleground			
17:00	The View	The Fairly OddParents	Biography "David Letterman"	Around the Services	Wheel of Fortune	The Grill Sergeants	King of the Hill	Sports	X Play
17:30		Teenage Mutant Ninja		Tavis Smiley	Jeopardy!	FNG Useful benefits.	That '70s Show		Yo Momma
18:00	Dr. Phil	SpongeBob SquarePants	Hollywood Dailies	Nightly Business Report	World News-Gibson	Around the Services	Daily Show- Jon Stewart		The Simpsons
18:30		Hannah Montana	Entertainment Tonight	Nightline	Around the Services	Downrange	The Colbert Report		Family Guy
19:00	The Dr. Oz Show	Aaron Stone	Movie "Dan in Real Life" (2007) Steve Carell. An advice columnist falls for his brother's girlfriend.	The O'Reilly Factor	Rules of Engagement	Week-Pentagon	Wipeout		The Hills Las Vegas.
19:30		That's So Raven			(25) 30 Rock "Flu Shot"	The American Veteran			Busted
20:00	Access Hollywood	Made "Football Player" Quarterback.		Countdown With Keith Olbermann	ER "Another Thursday at County"	Briefing Encore	Cold Case "True Calling"		The Real World Jonna enjoys her freedom.
20:30	The King of Queens					Fit For Duty			From G's to Gents
21:00	The Young and the Restless	Beverly Hills, 90210 "Scared Very Straight"	(8:55) Movie "The Village" (2004, Suspense) Bryce Dallas Howard, Joaquin Phoenix, Adrien Brody.	Today	The Jay Leno Show	Battleground	Army Wives Denise and Frank seek advice.		
21:30						Recon Revisited			
22:00	General Hospital	Degrassi: TNG		Today	Pacific Report	Around the Services	Seinfeld "The Old Man"		SportsNation
22:30		Strange Days			The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	Pacific Report	Friends		
23:00	Days of our Lives	7th Heaven "I Love Lucy"	(10:55) Movie "Smokey and the Bandit" (1977)	America's Newsroom	Late Show-Letterman	Briefing Encore	Daily Show- Jon Stewart	Sports	Attack of the Show!
23:30						The Grill Sergeants	The Colbert Report		

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2009

00:00	Oprah Winfrey	Aaron Stone "My Two Stars"	MovieSmokey and the Bandit	Newsroom	Late Show-Letterman	Army Newswatch	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon	(11:00) Sports	MTV Hits Playlist
00:30		That's So Raven	(4:45) Movie "Hellboy" (2004, Fantasy) Ron Perlman, John Hurt, Selma Blair. The son of the devil fights paranormal creatures.	MSNBC Live	The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Downrange	Burn Notice "Scatter Point"		X Play
1:00	Wheel of Fortune	Made "Football Player" Quarterback.			Judge Judy	This Week in the Pentagon			Yo Momma "Best of Queens"
1:30	Jeopardy!			Happening Now	House "Here Kitty"	Fit For Duty			The Simpsons
2:00	Headline News	Beverly Hills, 90210 "Scared Very Straight"				The American Veteran	Lipstick Jungle Nico and Wendy go to Scotland.		Family Guy "Boys Do Cry"
2:30	ATS/AFN Report					Around the Services	Medium Allison's nemesis hires her as a consultant.		The Hills Las Vegas.
3:00	Rules of Engagement	Degrassi: Next Generation	(5:05) Movie "Dan in Real Life" (2007) Steve Carell, Juliette Binoche. An advice columnist falls for his brother's girlfriend.	Newsroom	Oprah Winfrey	Downrange			Busted
3:30	(25) 30 Rock "Flu Shot"	Strange Days-Blake Holsey		MSNBC Live	Dr. Phil	Recon Revisited	Seinfeld "The Old Man"	Sports	The Real World Jonna enjoys her freedom.
4:00	ER "Another Thursday at County"	7th Heaven "I Love Lucy"				State Dept Briefing	Friends		From G's to Gents
4:30						Battleground	Namaste Yoga		
5:00	The Jay Leno Show	Teletubbies "Our Pig Winnie"	Movie "The Village" (2004) Bryce Dallas Howard, Joaquin Phoenix. Strange creatures menace a 19th-century community.	Studio B With Shepard Smith	Final Score	Around the Services	Total Body Sculpt With Gilad	College Football Live	
5:30		Rolie Polie Olie			Headline News	Fort Hood on Track	Chic and Easy	Sports	SportsNation Hosts Colin Cowherd and Michelle Beadle.
6:00	Headline News	Sesame Street		The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer	Good Morning America	This Week in the Pentagon	Cooking for Real	Jim Rome Is Burning	Attack of the Show!
6:30	The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	Bear in the Big Blue House	Biography "David Letterman"	Glenn Beck	Good Morning America	Downrange	E! News Entertainment news.	Around the Horn	
7:00						Around the Services	The Daily 10	Pardon the Interruption	
7:30	Late Show With David Letterman	Raggs				Briefing Encore	ER "Heart of the Matter"	SportsCenter	MTV Hits Playlist
8:00		Dora the Explorer	Hollywood Dailies	Around the Services	Sesame Street	Recon			
8:30	The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Movie "Eloise at Christmas-time" (2003, Comedy) Julie Andrews, Sofia Vassilieva.	Entertainment Tonight	NBC Nightly News		Fit For Duty	Desperate Housewives "A Vision's Just a Vision"	Sports	Sports
9:00	Judge Judy	Peep and Big Wide	Movie "Danielle Steel's A Perfect Stranger" (1994, Romance) Robert Ulrich, Stacy Haiduk.	World News-Gibson	The View	Around the Services			
10:00	House "Here Kitty"	Super Why!	(4:45) Movie "Enemy at the Gates" (2001, War) Joseph Fiennes, Jude Law, Rachel Weisz. Two snipers face off during the Battle of Stalingrad.	CBS Evening News	Dr. Phil	Recon Revisited	Grey's Anatomy "These Ties That Bind"		
10:30		My Friends Tigger & Pooh		The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	The Dr. Oz Show	State Dept Briefing	Judge Judy		
11:00	Oprah Winfrey	SeeMore's Playhouse		Hannity		Air Force Football	Judge Alex		
11:30						AFN Europe Report			
12:00	Dr. Phil	Ni Hao, Kai-lan	(10) Movie "Nell" (1994) Jodie Foster, Liam Neeson. Two doctors invade a backwoods woman's isolated existence.	Anderson Cooper 360	Access Hollywood	FNG Useful benefits.	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Caged"	Sports	
12:30		Dora the Explorer			The King of Queens	Fit For Duty	Feasting on Asphalt "Lutefisk Express"		
13:00	CBS Evening News	Raggs		Special Report With Bret Baier	The Young and the Restless	Battleground			
13:30	ESPN News	Bear in the Big Blue House		Campbell Brown	General Hospital	Around the Services			
14:00	The FOX Report With Shepard Smith	Sesame Street				Briefing Encore	Emeril Live		
14:30						Downrange			
15:00	NBC Nightly News	Funniest Home Videos	(15) Movie "Never Been Kissed" (1999) Drew Barrymore, David Arquette. A reporter poses as a high-school student.	Your World With Neil Cavuto	Days of our Lives	AFN Europe Report	How Do I Look?	SportsCenter	Sports
15:30	World News-Gibson	Planet's Funniest Animals		The Rachel Maddow Show	Oprah Winfrey	Recon Revisited			
16:00	Sesame Street	(3:50) Pokémon				Fit For Duty	MythBusters "End With a Bang" Sayings.	SportsCenter	
16:30		(4:00) Zatch Bell				Battleground			
17:00	The View	(5:05) Movie "Twins the Night" (2001, Comedy) Bryan Cranston. A boy and his uncle take Santa's sleigh for a joy ride.	Entertainers	Around the Services	Wheel of Fortune	Army Newswatch	King of the Hill	Sports	X Play
17:30				Tavis Smiley	Jeopardy!	EXchange on Air	That '70s Show		Yo Momma
18:00	Dr. Phil	Hollywood Dailies		Nightly Business Report	World News-Gibson	Around the Services	Daily Show- Jon Stewart		The Simpsons
18:30		Entertainment Tonight		Nightline	Around the Services	Air Force Football	The Colbert Report		Family Guy (Part 2 of 2)
19:00	The Dr. Oz Show	iCarly	Band of Brothers "The Breaking Point"	The O'Reilly Factor	Survivor: Samoa	Today's Air Force	Better Off Ted		World Poker Tour
19:30		True Jackson, VP				All Hands TV	New Adv./Old Christine		
20:00	Access Hollywood	The Suite Life on Deck	(15) Band of Brothers "The Last Patrol"	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Christmas in Rockefeller Center	Briefing Encore	Royal Pains "TB or Not TB"		
20:30	The King of Queens	Aaron Stone "Xero Control"				Fit For Duty			
21:00	The Young and the Restless	Wildfire "Who Are You?"	(15) Movie "Collateral" (2004, Suspense) Tom Cruise, Jamie Foxx, Jada Pinkett Smith. A contract killer uses a cabdriver for his jobs.	Today	The Jay Leno Show	Battleground	The Closer A former gang member is murdered.		South Park
21:30						Recon Revisited			South Park
22:00	General Hospital	Heroes Angela confronts her much-changed son.		Today	Pacific Report	Around the Services	Seinfeld "The Implant"		SportsNation Hosts Colin Cowherd and Michelle Beadle.
22:30					The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	Pacific Report	Friends (Part 1 of 2)		
23:00	Days of our Lives	7th Heaven "Stand Up"		America's Newsroom	Late Show-Letterman	Briefing Encore	Daily Show- Jon Stewart	Sports	Attack of the Show!
23:30			(20) MovieThe Sting (1973)			All Hands TV	The Colbert Report		

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2009

00:00	Oprah Winfrey	iCarly	(11:20) Movie "The Sting" (1973, Comedy-Drama) Paul Newman, Robert Redford.	Newsroom	Late Show-Letterman	Today's Air Force	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon	(11:00) Sports	MTV Hits Playlist
00:30		True Jackson, VP		MSNBC Live	The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Downrange			X Play
1:00	Wheel of Fortune	The Suite Life on Deck			Judge Judy	Recon	Scrubs "My Manhood"		Yo Momma
1:30	Jeopardy!	Aaron Stone "Xero Control"	(3:35) Movie "High Plains Drifter" (1973) Clint Eastwood. A mysterious stranger protects a corrupt town from gunmen.	Happening Now	House "Locked In"	Fit For Duty	My Name Is Earl (Part 2 of 2)		The Simpsons
2:00	Headline News	Wildfire "Who Are You?"				The Grill Sergeants	One Tree Hill "The Run-away Found"	Sports	Family Guy (Part 2 of 2)
2:30	ATS/AFN Report	Heroes Angela confronts her much-changed son.	(20) Band of Brothers "The Breaking Point"	Newsroom	Oprah Winfrey	Around the Services	Third Watch "Old Dogs, New Tricks"		World Poker Tour
3:00	Survivor: Samoa					Downrange			
3:30						AFN Europe Report			
4:00	Christmas in Rockefeller Center	7th Heaven "Stand Up"	(3:35) Band of Brothers "The Last Patrol"	MSNBC Live	Dr. Phil	EXchange on Air	Seinfeld "The Implant"	Sports	
4:30						State Dept Briefing	Friends (Part 1 of 2)		
5:00	The Jay Leno Show	Barney & Friends	(35) MovieCollateral (2004)	Studio B With Shepard Smith	Good Morning America	Battleground	Namaste Yoga		South Park
5:30		Oobi				Around the Services	Total Body Sculpt With Gilad	College Football Live	South Park

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Alleged serial rapist barred from work at U.S. bases in

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## Sports on AFN

**Thursday**  
**AFN-Sports, 5 p.m.**—College basketball: Boston College at Michigan (dld).  
**AFN-Sports, 7 p.m.**—College basketball: Florida State at Ohio State (dld).  
**AFN-Sports, 10 p.m.**—NFL RePlay: Arizona at Tennessee (dld).  
**AFN-Sports, 11:30 p.m.**—NFL RePlay: New England at New Orleans (dld).

**Friday**  
**AFN-Sports, 1 a.m.**—Boxing: Bernard Hopkins vs. Enrique Ornelas, middle-weights (dld).  
**AFN-Xtra, 9 a.m.**—College basketball: Washington at Texas Tech.  
**AFN-Sports, 10 a.m.**—NFL: N.Y. Jets at Buffalo.  
**AFN-Xtra, 11 a.m.**—College football: Oregon State at Oregon.  
**AFN-Sports, 5 p.m.**—NBA: Boston at San Antonio (dld).  
**AFN-Sports, 9 p.m.**—NFL: N.Y. Jets at Buffalo (dld).

**Saturday**  
**AFN-Sports, 12:30 a.m.**—NBA: Miami at Denver (dld).  
**AFN-Pacific, 10 a.m.**—NHL: Boston at Montreal.  
**AFN-Sports, 10 a.m.**—NBA: Chicago at Cleveland.  
**AFN-Xtra, 10 a.m.**—College football: Mid-American Conference championship, Ohio vs. Central Michigan at Detroit.  
**AFN-Sports, 12:30 p.m.**—NBA: Miami at L.A. Lakers.  
**AFN-Sports, 1 p.m.**—College basketball: Colorado at Oregon State.  
**AFN-Sports, 5 p.m.**—College football: Mid-American Conference championship, Ohio vs. Central Michigan at Detroit (dld).  
**AFN-Sports, 10 p.m.**—NBA: Boston at Oklahoma City (dld).

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## College hockey

**Tuesday's score**  
**EAST**  
Brown 4, Harvard 1

## Baseball

### Arbitration list

NEW YORK — The 23 free agents who were offered salary arbitration Tuesday by their former teams. Players have until Monday to accept.  
**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
**BOSTON (2)** — Jason Bay, of; Billy Wagner, lhp.  
**DETROIT (2)** — Brandon Lyon, rhp; Fernando Rodney, rhp.  
**LOS ANGELES (2)** — Chone Figgins, 3b; Joel Lackey, rhp.  
**MINNESOTA (1)** — Carl Pavano, rhp.  
**OAKLAND (1)** — Justin Duchscherer, rhp.  
**SEATTLE (1)** — Adrian Beltre, 3b.  
**TEXAS (2)** — Marlon Byrd, of; Ivan Rodriguez, c.  
**TAMPA BAY (2)** — Brian Shouse, lhp; Gregg Zaun, c.  
**TORONTO (2)** — Rod Barajas, c; Marco Scutaro, ss.  
**NATIONAL LEAGUE**  
**ATLANTA (2)** — Mike Gonzalez, lhp; Rafael Soriano, rhp.  
**COLORADO (2)** — Rafael Betancourt, rhp; Jason Marquis, rhp.  
**HOUSTON (1)** — Jose Valverde, rhp.  
**ST. LOUIS (3)** — Mark De Rosa, 3b; Matt Holliday, of; Joel Pineiro, rhp.

### MLB calendar

**Nov. 30-Dec. 4** — Major League Baseball Players Association executive board meeting, Scottsdale, Ariz.  
**Dec. 1** — Last day for teams to offer salary arbitration to their former players who became free agents.  
**Dec. 7** — Last day for free agents to offer salary arbitration to accept the offers.  
**Dec. 7** — Hall of Fame Veterans Committee voting announced, Indianapolis.  
**Dec. 7-10** — Winter meetings, Indianapolis.  
**Dec. 12** — Last day for teams to offer 2010 contracts to unsigned players.  
**2010**  
**Jan. 5-15** — Salary arbitration filing.  
**Jan. 6** — Hall of Fame BBWAA voting announced.  
**Jan. 13-14** — Owners meetings, Scottsdale, Ariz.  
**Jan. 19** — Exchange of salary arbitration figures.  
**Feb. 1-21** — Salary arbitration hearings, St. Petersburg, Fla.  
**Feb. 18** — Voluntary reporting date for pitchers, catchers and injured players.  
**Feb. 23** — Voluntary reporting date for other players.  
**March 2** — Mandatory reporting date.  
**March 2-11** — Teams may renew contracts of unsigned players.  
**March 17** — Last day to place a player on unconditional release waivers and pay 30 days termination pay instead of 45 days.

## College basketball

### Tuesday's men's scores

**EAST**  
American U. 59, Howard 53  
Baruch 91, Medgar Evers 82  
Colby 72, New England 48  
East Stroudsburg 59, Sciences, Pa. 50  
Elms 84, W. New England 65  
Farmington 67, St. Joseph's, N.Y. 55  
Gordon 81, E. Nazarene 59  
Husson 89, St. Joseph's, Maine 84  
Lehman 67, CCNY 46  
Loyola, Md. 78, Morgan St. 66  
Mansfield 103, Penn Tech 49  
Mount St. Vincent 50, Yeshiva 38  
Old Westbury 71, N.Y. Maritime 68  
Providence 76, Northeastern 72  
Vermont 63, Dartmouth 58  
West Liberty 81, Pitt.-Johnstown 69  
**SOUTH**  
Auburn 87, Alabama A&M 52  
Bethune-Cookman 67, Florida Gulf Coast 59  
Bridgewater, Va. 59, Roanoke 51  
Chattanooga 80, Jacksonville St. 71  
Clayton St. 103, Carver 44  
Delaware St. 75, Delaware 67  
Evansville 91, Tennessee Tech 90, 2OT  
LSU 66, Louisiana-Lafayette 58  
Lincoln Memorial 98, Temple Baptist 46  
McNeese St. 101, Paul Quinn 54  
North Carolina 89, Michigan St. 82  
Northwestern 65, N.C. State 53  
SE Louisiana 83, Spring Hill 57  
Spalding 83, Principia 45  
Stephen F. Austin 79, Jackson St. 68  
Stillman 78, Morehouse 68  
Tenn. Temple 78, Sewanee 74  
UCF 80, Newberry 62  
Union 75, Hannibal-LaGrange 53  
Wheeling Jesuit 60, Shepherd 57  
**MIDWEST**  
Cent. Michigan 78, Chicago St. 40  
Cincinnati 94, Texas Southern 57  
Concordia, Mich. 59, Alma 56  
Concordia, Wis. 80, Rockford 70  
Edgewood 61, Marian, Wis. 58  
IPFW 69, SIU-Edwardsville 64  
Kansas St. 83, Fort Hays St. 76  
Lakeland 85, Maranatha Baptist 75  
Maryland 80, Indiana 68  
Mayville St. 73, Minn.-Morris 62  
Minn. St., Mankato 110, Bethany Lutheran 65  
Notre Dame 80, Idaho St. 70  
Purdue 69, Wake Forest 58  
Siena Heights 48, Adrian 45  
Spring Arbor 80, St. Francis, Ind. 68  
Temple 76, W. Michigan 70  
Virginia Tech 70, Iowa 64  
Walsh 88, Cedarville 76  
Wis. Lutheran 100, Aurora 93  
**SOUTHWEST**  
Texas St. 71, Texas A&M International 60  
UTSA 73, Cameron 42  
**FAR WEST**  
Colorado 78, San Francisco 54  
E. Washington 89, Walla Walla 61  
N. Colorado 70, Colorado St. 63  
Pacific 70, Fresno St. 58  
Santa Clara 79, UC Santa Barbara 68  
UTEP 79, New Mexico St. 58

## Boxing

### Fight schedule

**Dec. 4**  
At Agde, France, Anselmo Moreno vs. Frederic Patrac, 12, for Moreno's WBA bantamweight title.  
At Santa Ynez, Calif., Tyrone Brunson vs. Carson Jones, 10, junior middle-weights.  
**Dec. 5**  
At Ludwigsburg, Germany, Marco Huck vs. Ola Afolabi, 12, for Huck's WBO cruiserweight title.  
At Newcastle, England, Amir Khan vs. Dmitry Salita, 12, for Khan's WBA junior welterweight title; Kevin Mitchell vs. Breidis Prescott, 12, WBO lightweight eliminator.  
At Boardwalk Hall, Atlantic City, N.J., Paul Williams vs. Sergio Martinez, 12, middle-weights; Cristobal Arreola vs. Brian Minto, 10, heavyweights; Chazz Witherspoon vs. Tony Thompson, 10, heavyweights; Carlos Quintana vs. Jesse Feliciano, 10, welterweights.  
**Dec. 11**  
At Johannesburg, Isaac Hlatshwayo vs. Jan Zaveck, 12, for Hlatshwayo's IBF welterweight title.  
At Montreal, Jean Pascal vs. Adrian Diaconu, 12, for Pascal's WBC light heavyweight title.  
**Dec. 12**  
At Bern, Switzerland, Vitali Klitschko vs. Kevin Johnson, 12, for Klitschko's WBC heavyweight title.  
UIC Pavillion, Chicago, Juan Diaz vs. Paulie Malignaggi, 12, junior welterweights; Victor Ortiz vs. Antonio Diaz, 10, welterweights.  
At Rancho Mirage, Calif., Timothy Bradley vs. Lamont Peterson, 12, for WBO junior welterweights title; Vic Darchinyan vs. Tomas Rojas, 12, for Darchinyan's WBC/WBA junior bantamweight title.

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### Tuesday's women's scores

**EAST**  
Amherst 72, Keene St. 47  
Baruch 77, Medgar Evers 48  
Bowdoin 60, S. Maine 47  
Bridgewater, Mass. 60, Mass.-Dartmouth 57  
Bryant 82, Colgate 74  
Cabrin 87, Baptist Bible 44  
Catholic 76, Washington Bible 44  
Framingham St. 63, Gordon 52  
Georgetown 71, La Salle 40  
Gettysburg 56, Johns Hopkins 34  
Hartford 68, Sacred Heart 53  
Indiana, Pa. 72, Lake Erie 61  
Lehman 58, CCNY 49  
Manhattan 83, Elion 67  
Notre Dame Coll. 78, Ursuline 66  
Pitt.-Johnstown 77, West Liberty 63  
Plymouth St. 77, Colby-Sawyer 60  
Robert Morris 69, Duquesne 61  
Roger Williams 53, Lasell 51  
Sciences, Pa. 64, East Stroudsburg 62, OT  
St. John's 87, Stetson 51  
Tufts 79, Salem St. 50  
Ursinus 58, Bryn Mawr 24  
Walsh 79, Cedarville 76, OT  
Washington, Md. 65, Haverford 58  
Williams 67, Westfield St. 64  
**SOUTH**  
Asbury 74, Kentucky Christian 60  
Auburn 76, N. Carolina A&T 63  
Brescia 76, Cincinnati Christian 70  
Charleston Southern 56, UNC-Greensboro 54  
Ferrum 75, Peace 46  
Florida A&M 72, Florida 71  
Frederick-Hardeman 84, Lambuth 66  
Gardner-Webb 78, Wofford 55  
Georgia 71, UAB 42  
Grambling St. 73, Nicholls St. 49  
James Madison 60, Liberty 50  
Kentucky 107, Miami (Ohio) 53  
LSU 77, Louisiana Tech 74  
New Orleans 69, SE Louisiana 54  
Northwestern St. 65, Centenary 49  
Pfeiffer 79, Converse 49  
Roanoke 59, Bridgewater, Va. 51  
S. Carolina St. 81, N.C. Central 75, OT  
S.C. Upstate 84, Winston-Salem 60  
Spalding 68, Principia 39  
Tennessee 93, George Washington 53  
Trevecca Nazarene 60, Georgetown, Ky. 55  
Tulane 73, South Alabama 71  
**MIDWEST**  
Bowling Green 77, St. Francis, Pa. 72  
Cornerstone 80, Trinity, Ill. 55  
Indiana St. 70, Detroit 53  
Iowa St. 83, MVSU 44  
Mid-Am Nazarene 64, Park 54  
Minn.-Morris 66, Mayville St. 55  
N. Michigan 76, Finlandia 47  
Northland 68, North Central 31  
**SOUTHWEST**  
Ark.-Pine Bluff 69, Texas-Pan American 58  
Cent. Arkansas 86, Tulsa 77  
TCU 65, Louisiana-Monroe 44  
Texas 94, Oral Roberts 80  
UTEP 73, W. New Mexico 56  
**FAR WEST**  
Colorado St. 65, Idaho 55  
Gonzaga 87, E. Washington 61  
Montana Tech 67, Montana St.-Billings 64  
S. Utah 56, Ohio 53  
Seattle 75, Pacific Lutheran 37  
UC Davis 71, Saint Mary's, Calif. 59  
Utah 56, Weber St. 41  
**EXHIBITION**  
Newberry 66, Voorhes 35

## Pro football

NFL						
AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
East						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
New England	7	4	0	.636	307	202
Miami	5	6	0	.455	256	275
N.Y. Jets	5	6	0	.455	230	195
Buffalo	4	7	0	.364	186	242
South						
Indianapolis	11	0	0	1.000	304	184
Jacksonville	6	5	0	.545	202	255
Tennessee	5	6	0	.455	229	289
Houston	5	6	0	.455	259	243
North						
Cincinnati	8	3	0	.727	231	174
Baltimore	6	5	0	.545	257	188
Pittsburgh	6	5	0	.545	248	204
Cleveland	1	10	0	.091	122	279
West						
San Diego	8	3	0	.727	312	219
Denver	7	4	0	.636	196	189
Kansas City	3	8	0	.273	183	282
Oakland	3	8	0	.273	115	258
NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Dallas	8	3	0	.727	255	182
Philadelphia	7	4	0	.636	293	228
N.Y. Giants	6	5	0	.545	272	261
Washington	3	8	0	.273	170	205
South						
New Orleans	11	0	0	1.000	407	221
Atlanta	6	5	0	.545	272	245
Carolina	4	7	0	.364	199	256
Tampa Bay	1	10	0	.091	181	314
North						
Minnesota	10	1	0	.909	342	203
Green Bay	7	4	0	.636	296	215
Chicago	4	7	0	.364	216	261
Detroit	2	9	0	.182	193	335
West						
Arizona	7	4	0	.636	267	217
San Francisco	5	6	0	.455	228	213
Seattle	4	7	0	.364	223	250
St. Louis	1	10	0	.091	130	297
x-clinched division						
Thursday's games						
Green Bay 34, Detroit 12						
Dallas 24, Oakland 7						
Denver 26, N.Y. Giants 6						
Sunday's games						
Buffalo 31, Miami 14						
N.Y. Jets 17, Carolina 6						
Seattle 27, St. Louis 17						
Atlanta 20, Tampa Bay 17						
Indianapolis 35, Houston 27						
Cincinnati 16, Cleveland 7						
Philadelphia 27, Washington 24						
San Diego 43, Kansas City 14						
San Francisco 20, Jacksonville 3						
Tennessee 20, Arizona 17						
Minnesota 36, Chicago 10						
Baltimore 20, Pittsburgh 17, OT						
Monday's game						
New Orleans 38, New England 17						
Thursday, Dec. 3						
N.Y. Jets vs. Buffalo at Toronto						
Sunday, Dec. 6						
St. Louis at Chicago						
Oakland at Pittsburgh						
Denver at Kansas City						
Philadelphia at Atlanta						
Detroit at Cincinnati						
New England at Miami						
New Orleans at Washington						
Tennessee at Indianapolis						
Tampa Bay at Carolina						
Houston at Jacksonville						
San Diego at Cleveland						
Dallas at N.Y. Giants						
San Francisco at Seattle						
Minnesota at Arizona						
Monday, Dec. 7						
Baltimore at Green Bay						



## Sports briefs

# Yankees say no to arbitration for Matsui

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — World Series MVP Hideki Matsui, Vladimir Guerrero and Randy Wolf were among the free agents who weren't offered salary arbitration, a move that enables teams to sign them without losing draft picks.

Tuesday night was the first big deadline of baseball's offseason, with teams having until midnight to make arbitration offers to their players who became free agents. Players have until Monday to accept. If they reject, they can re-sign with their former clubs at any time.

Sixteen players received arbitration offers, and only six of them were position players: St. Louis outfielder Matt Holliday and third baseman Mark DeRosa, Los Angeles Angels third baseman Chone Figgins, Seattle third baseman Adrian Beltre, Texas Rangers catcher Ivan Rodriguez and outfielder Marlon Byrd.

Pitchers offered arbitration included Angels ace John Lackey, Detroit's Brandon Lyon and Fernando Rodney, Oakland's Justin Duchscherer, Atlanta's Mike Gonzalez and Rafael Soriano, Colorado's Rafael Betancourt and Jason Marquis, Houston's Jose Valverde and St. Louis' Joel Pineiro.

In addition to Matsui, the Yankees declined to offer arbitration to left fielder Johnny Damon and pitcher Andy Pettitte. The Angels turned down pitchers Kelvim Escobar and Darren Oliver in addition to Guerrero. Besides Wolf, the Dodgers said no to pitcher Jon Garland and second baseman Orlando Hudson.

Among others declined arbitration were Detroit pitcher Jarrod Washburn, Seattle lefty Erik Bedard, Mets first baseman Carlos Delgado, Milwaukee center fielder Mike Cameron and Kansas City catcher Miguel Olivo.

In other baseball news:

■ Michael Weiner took over from Donald Fehr as head of the baseball players' association. Weiner was unanimously approved as executive director by the executive board of the Major League Baseball Players Association, the union announced Wednesday. The Harvard graduate, 47, was hired by the union as a staff lawyer in 1988. He was promoted to general counsel in 2004. Fehr, 61, had been in charge since Dec. 8, 1983.

■ Reliever Billy Wagner and the Atlanta Braves agreed to a \$7 million, one-year contract. The six-time All-Star gets \$6.75 million in 2010, and the deal includes a \$6.5 million club option for 2011 with a \$250,000 buyout.

## Iverson signs contract to return to Sixers

PHILADELPHIA — Allen Iverson re-joined the Philadelphia 76ers. Sixers president Ed Stefanski announced the signing Wednesday on the team's Web site. Iverson is expected to make his debut Monday against the Denver Nuggets.

Stefanski said the team thought "Allen was the best available free-agent guard to help" after the injury to Lou Williams, who



Texas Longhorns quarterback Colt McCoy was chosen Big 12 Conference offensive player of the year for the second consecutive time. Nebraska Cornhuskers tackle Ndamukong Suh received the defensive honor.

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will miss up to eight weeks.

Iverson, 34, retired last week after an ill-fated stint with the Memphis Grizzlies. The 10-time All-Star was NBA MVP in 2001.

## FIFA opens disciplinary case against Thierry for handball

CAPE TOWN, South Africa — FIFA opened a disciplinary case against France forward Thierry Henry for handling the ball in the World Cup playoff against Ireland last month.

FIFA president Sepp Blatter said Wednesday that its disciplinary committee will look at Henry's behavior in the Nov. 18 second leg at Stade de France. FIFA's ruling executive referred the case to the independent disciplinary panel.

Henry twice handled the ball before passing to William Gallas, who scored the goal that gave France a 1-1 draw and 2-1 victory on aggregate to qualify for the World Cup instead of Ireland. Blatter described Henry's handball as "blatant unfair playing."

## McCoy, Suh players of year in Big 12 football

AUSTIN, Texas — Texas quarterback Colt McCoy was selected The Associated Press Big 12 offensive player of the year for the second year in a row.

Nebraska defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh was the defensive player of the year.

Texas and Nebraska play Saturday night for the Big 12 championship.

McCoy has passed for 3,328 yards and 27 TDs. Suh has 15 tackles for losses and 6.5 sacks.

The winners were selected by a panel of 20 newspaper reporters who regularly cover the Big 12.

In other college football news:

■ Eight Michigan State football players, including three starters, were suspended from team-related activities after being identified as being present at a fight at a campus dorm, the university announced Tuesday. Prominent receivers Mark Dell and B.J. Cunningham and defensive back Chris L. Rucker were among those suspended by coach Mark Dantonio for violating team rules. The Spartans finished 6-6 this season and are awaiting a bowl bid.

■ C.J. Spiller was chosen the Atlantic Coast Conference's player of the year. Clemson's star led the league in all-purpose yardage, returned four kickoffs for TDs and scored at least once in every game in leading the Tigers to a division title.

## Australian stops Roy Jones Jr. in first

SYDNEY — Australian Danny Green stopped Roy Jones Jr. in the first round of their IBO world cruiserweight title fight Wednesday, preventing the American from claiming his ninth title across five weight classes from middleweight to heavyweight.

Green, 36, retained his title and improved to 28-3 with his technical knockout over Jones at the Acer Arena, the American's first professional fight on foreign soil in his 20-year career.

It was only the sixth loss for Jones, 40, since 1989. He has 54 victories, 40 by knockout.

In other boxing news:

■ Promoter Bob Arum flew to the Philippines with a proposed contract for a March 13 fight between Manny Pacquiao and Floyd Mayweather Jr. The contract was agreed to by Mayweather's representatives, but the boxer has yet to sign. Arum was to present the proposal to Pacquiao, but there are no guarantees he will agree. It would match the two regarded as the best pound-for-pound fighters in the world in a bout that would be held at 147 pounds.

■ A Chechen man, his identity not revealed under Austrian privacy laws, was sentenced to 20 years in prison for killing former boxing champion Edip Secovic in a knife fight last year.

## Caps' Ovechkin says suspension won't change his playing style

ARLINGTON, Va. — Alex Ovechkin said he isn't going to change his playing style because of a two-game suspension.

Asked about the penalty he received from the NHL for a knee-to-knee hit, the Washington Capitals' star said Wednesday it might make him "more angry."

Ovechkin was ejected after the hit on Carolina's Tim Gleason on Monday night, the second time in less than a week he was tossed from a game.

Coach Bruce Boudreau suggested Tuesday that he might talk with Ovechkin about curbing some of his aggressive play, but on Wednesday the coach said he's not going to tinker with the league's two-time reigning MVP. Boudreau said he is "satisfied with the way he plays."

In other NHL news:

■ The Montreal Canadiens traded center Kyle Chipchura to the Anaheim Ducks on Wednesday for a fourth-round draft pick in 2011. Chipchura was a first-round pick of the Canadiens in 2004. He's been held pointless in 19 games this season.

## Elsewhere ...

■ Belmont Stakes winner Summer Bird was declared out of Sunday's Japan Cup Dirt after a small chip was detected in his right front carpal bone. According to the colt's owner, Dr. Kalarikkal Jayaraman, the chip was detected following the 3-year-old colt's preparatory workout for trainer Tim Ice at Hanshin Race Course in Japan.

Summer Bird, a son of Birdstone, won the Belmont Stakes, Travers, and Jockey Club Gold Cup in 2009 and finished fourth in the Nov. 7 Breeders' Cup Classic at Santa Anita, Calif.

■ Lindsey Vonn posted the fastest time in Wednesday's training run for the Bombardier Lake Louise World Cup at Lake Louise, Alberta. Vonn stood up before the finish line, yet her time of 1 minute, 52.30 seconds was better than Austrian Maria Holaus, who finished in 1:52.70. Holaus was fastest in Tuesday's training run. Andrea Fischbacher, also of Austria, was third in 1:52.76. Races start Friday with a downhill, followed by a second downhill Saturday and a super-G on Sunday.

# Tiger: Reports of physical violence false

TIGER, FROM BACK PAGE

crash outside his home in suburban Orlando, Fla.

Woods did not offer details of any alleged relationship.

"I will strive to be a better person and the husband and father that my family deserves," Woods said. "For all of those who have supported me over the years, I offer my profound apology."

Woods has been subjected to more media scrutiny over the past week than when he first won the Masters in 1997 and set off the first wave of Tigermania. He has spoken only three times through his Web site, although this was his longest posting.

"Although I am a well-known person and have made my career as a professional athlete, I have been dismayed to realize the full extent of what tabloid scrutiny really means," Woods said.

"For the last week, my family and I have been hounded to expose intimate details of our personal lives."

And he continued to say accounts that physical violence played a role in his Friday morning car crash were "utterly false and malicious."

"Elin has always done more to support our family and shown more grace than anyone could possibly expect," Woods wrote.

His statement came one day after the Florida Highway Patrol closed its investigation into the accident — without Woods speaking to state troopers. He was charged with careless driving, which carries a \$164 fine and four points on his driving record.

After consulting with the local prosecutor's office, investigators decided there was insufficient evidence to issue a subpoena that would have given them access to records from Woods' hospital visit after the crash, said Sgt. Kim Montes, a spokesman for the Florida Highway Patrol.

The allegations in Us Weekly of an affair with Grubbs came on the heels of last week's National Enquirer story alleging Woods had been seeing New York nightclub hostess Rachel Uchitel, who has denied it. That story came out just two days before Woods wrecked his SUV, first hitting a fire hydrant and then smashing into a tree at 2:25 a.m. Woods caused \$3,200 in property damage, wasn't wearing a seat belt and was driving erratically outside his home before crashing into the tree, according to a final report released Wednesday.

The accident — and Woods' refusal to answer questions about it — fueled speculation among tabloids and gossip Web sites about a possible dispute between Woods and his wife, who told police she used a golf club to smash the back windows of the SUV to help him out of the vehicle.

But Montes said there were "no claims of domestic violence by any individual" stemming from the accident. And an attorney for the neighbors who called 911 said Woods did not appear to be driving under the influence and showed no signs of having been in a fight.

The story soon shifted from a patrol investigation to sordid allegations into his personal life. In the voicemail released by the magazine, a man said to Grubbs:

"Hey, it's, uh, it's Tiger. I need you to do me a huge favor. Um, can you please, uh, take your name off your phone. My wife went through my phone. And, uh, may be calling you. If you can, please take your name off that and, um, and what do you call it just have it as a number on the voicemail, just have it as your telephone number. That's it, OK. You gotta do this for me. Huge. Quickly. All right. Bye."

The Associated Press could not confirm Woods was the caller.



## NHL scoreboard

## Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Pittsburgh	28	19	9	0	38	92	77		
New Jersey	24	17	6	1	35	69	51		
Philadelphia	24	13	10	1	27	77	65		
N.Y. Rangers	27	13	13	1	27	80	84		
N.Y. Islanders	27	10	10	7	27	72	84		
Northeast Division									
Buffalo	24	15	7	3	32	66	55		
Boston	26	13	8	5	31	64	64		
Ottawa	25	13	8	4	30	74	75		
Montreal	27	12	13	2	26	66	79		
Toronto	26	7	12	7	21	70	92		
Southeast Division									
Washington	27	16	5	3	38	94	78		
Atlanta	24	14	7	3	31	84	68		
Tampa Bay	25	10	7	8	28	67	75		
Florida	26	10	12	4	24	71	87		
Carolina	27	5	17	5	15	62	100		

## Western Conference

Central Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Chicago	26	17	6	3	37	82	59		
Nashville	26	15	10	1	31	62	69		
Columbus	27	13	9	5	31	84	96		
Detroit	26	13	9	4	30	76	73		
St. Louis	25	10	10	5	25	62	67		
Northwest Division									
Calgary	26	17	6	3	37	83	66		
Colorado	28	15	8	5	35	85	83		
Vancouver	26	14	12	0	28	80	68		
Edmonton	27	10	13	4	24	80	90		
Minnesota	25	10	12	3	23	63	75		
Pacific Division									
San Jose	29	19	6	4	42	101	77		
Los Angeles	28	16	10	2	34	83	84		
Phoenix	27	15	11	1	31	68	65		
Dallas	27	12	8	7	31	80	81		
Anaheim	26	10	12	4	24	74	84		

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

## Tuesday's games

Chicago 4, Columbus 3, SO  
San Jose 5, Ottawa 2  
Toronto 3, Montreal 0

## Wednesday's games

Los Angeles 4, Anaheim 3  
Tampa Bay at Boston  
Vancouver at New Jersey  
Colorado at Florida

## Thursday's games

Nashville at Minnesota  
Edmonton at Philadelphia  
Vancouver at Philadelphia  
Toronto at Columbus  
N.Y. Islanders at Atlanta  
Florida at Washington  
Montreal at Buffalo  
Colorado at Pittsburgh  
Anaheim at Dallas  
Calgary at Phoenix  
Ottawa at Los Angeles  
St. Louis at San Jose

## Friday's games

Tampa Bay at New Jersey  
Anaheim at Minnesota  
Boston at Montreal  
Nashville at Chicago

## Saturday's games

Vancouver at Carolina  
Edmonton at Dallas  
St. Louis at Los Angeles  
N.Y. Rangers at Buffalo  
Toronto at Boston  
Atlanta at Florida  
Washington at Philadelphia  
Detroit at New Jersey  
Colorado at Columbus  
N.Y. Islanders at Tampa Bay  
Minnesota at Nashville  
Calgary at San Jose  
Ottawa at Phoenix

## Tuesday

Blackhawks 4,  
Blue Jackets 3 (SO)

Columbus	0	2	1	0-3
Chicago	1	1	1	0-4

## Chicago won shootout 2-1

**First Period**—1, Chicago, Versteeg 8 (Madden); 13:58 (sh).  
**Second Period**—2, Columbus, Vermette 8 (Umberger, Russell); 8:09. 3, Columbus, Pahlsson 1 (Huselius); 14:15. 4, Chicago, Sharp 8 (Hossa, Kane); 17:37 (pp).

**Third Period**—5, Columbus, Russell 2 (Umberger, Vermette); :40. 6, Chicago, Torres 6 (Keith, Hossa); 4:43 (pp).

**Shootout**—Columbus 1 (Huselius NG, Nash NG, Voracek G, Brassard NG, Vermette NG, Tyutin NG, Umberger NG, Torres NG, Pahlsson NG, Russell NG, Chimeria NG), Chicago 2 (Toews NG, Hossa G, Kane NG, Sharp NG, Versteeg NG, Ladd NG, Brouwer NG, Kopecky NG, Byfuglien NG, Madden NG, Seabrook NG).

**Shots on Goal**—Columbus 10-4-7-2-23. Chicago 5-10-6-5-26.

**Power-play opportunities**—Columbus 0 of 3; Chicago 2 of 4.

**Goalies**—Columbus, Mason 9-6-5 (26 shots-23 saves). Chicago, Huet 13-5-2 (23-20).

A-20,363 (19,717). T-2:36.

## Sharks 5, Senators 2

Ottawa	1	1	0-2
San Jose	2	2	1-5

**First Period**—1, San Jose, Marleau 18 (Thornton, Heatley); 7:06. 2, San Jose, McGinn 5 (Nichol); 8:01. 3, Ottawa, Michalek 14 (Phillips); 12:03.

**Second Period**—4, San Jose, Marleau 19 (Heatley, Thornton); 11:06. 5, San Jose, Clowe 6 (Malhotra); 13:25. 6, Ottawa, Michalek 15 (Alfredsson, Karlsson); 15:54 (pp).

**Third Period**—7, San Jose, Malhotra 6; 19:44 (en).

**Shots on Goal**—Ottawa 9-8-10-27. San Jose 15-10-8-33.

**Power-play opportunities**—Ottawa 1 of 4; San Jose 0 of 3.

**Goalies**—Ottawa, Elliott 5-3-3 (32 shots-28 saves). San Jose, Greiss 3-2-0 (27-25).

A-17,562 (17,496). T-2:20.

## NHL roundup

Quenneville gets 500th win  
as Hawks top Jackets in SO

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — The Chicago Blackhawks needed three periods, an overtime and then 11 rounds of a shootout Tuesday night to secure coach Joel Quenneville's 500th career victory.

Brent Seabrook scored the game-winner in the 11th round of the shootout, sending the Blackhawks to a 4-3 victory over the Columbus Blue Jackets and putting Quenneville in an exclusive club. He is the 14th NHL coach to reach 500 victory.

"I've been in a lot of great places. I've been fortunate, worked with good teams and great players," said Quenneville, who has a career record of 500-311-132 with the Blues, Avalanche and Blackhawks over parts of 13 seasons.

Marian Hossa, playing his first game with the Blackhawks at the United Center, scored in the second round of the shootout. Columbus' Jakub Voracek tied it in the next round, setting the stage for a goaltending battle between Steve Mason and Chicago's Cristobal Huet before Seabrook skated in for the winner.

"You're just hoping your guys score. Then you just try to do your job in order to make the next save," said Mason, who is 0-5 in shootouts this season. "After that, you're just hoping that the next one goes in, but obviously give Huet some credit. He made that one last stop that he needed."

The 11 rounds marked the longest shootout in Blackhawks history.

"For a defenseman, you get out at center ice and it's definitely a different feeling," said Seabrook, who also has two game-winning goals in overtime this season. "Huet kept us in and made some big saves. ... Tonight was pretty cool."

Huet made nine saves during the shootout and Chicago earned the victory in its first home game after an 11-day, six-game road trip.

**Maple Leafs 3, Canadiens 0:** At Montreal, Maple Leafs goalie Jonas Gustavsson was taken to the hospital with an elevated heart rate following the first pe-



CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/AP

Chicago goalie Cristobal Huet stops a shot by Columbus center R.J. Umberger during a shootout in Tuesday's game. Chicago won 4-3.

riod of Toronto's victory over Montreal.

Gustavsson made eight saves before he was taken to the hospital as a precaution. The Swedish rookie had minor heart surgery during training camp after he experienced a racing heartbeat.

Maple Leafs general manager Brian Burke said Gustavsson is expected to be fine.

Colton Orr and Jeff Finger scored in the first period. Joey MacDonald replaced Gustavsson to begin the second and stopped 18 shots to complete Toronto's first shutout of the season.

Orr and Finger scored 3:27 apart. Matt Stajan added his eighth goal in the second. Phil Kessel also had two assists for the Maple Leafs, who lost 3-0 to Buffalo one night earlier.

Carey Price stopped 28 shots in his ninth straight start for Montreal, which has lost three straight.

**Kings 4, Ducks 3:** At Anaheim, Calif., Jack Johnson scored the go-ahead goal with 2:20 left in the third period and Los Angeles beat Anaheim in the first meeting of the season between the Southern California rivals.

Scott Parse and Justin Williams scored first-period goals

for the Kings and Randy Jones connected in the second. Jonathan Quick made 27 saves.

Anaheim's Corey Perry had a goal and an assist to extend his point streak to 19 games, tied for the longest by an NHL player since Paul Stastny's 20-game run in 2006-07. Sidney Crosby also had a 19-game streak for Pittsburgh two seasons ago.

Ryan Whitney and Todd Marchant also scored and Jonas Hiller made 38 saves for the Ducks, who finished their homestand 4-2-1.

**Sharks 5, Senators 2:** At San Jose, Calif., Dany Heatley assisted on two goals in his first game against Ottawa since his blockbuster trade to San Jose, leading the Sharks over the Senators.

Patrick Marleau scored on both of Heatley's assists, passing him for the team lead with 19 goals. Jamie McGinn, Ryane Clowe and Manny Malhotra also scored for San Jose, while Joe Thornton had two assists to up his league-leading total to 32.

Backup goalie Thomas Greiss made 25 saves.

Milan Michalek, traded to Ottawa in the September deal for Heatley, scored both goals for the Senators.

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**Toronto goalie Joey MacDonald makes a save against Montreal during the second period of Tuesday's game in Montreal.**

## Maple Leafs 3, Canadiens 0

Toronto	2	1	0-3
Montreal	0	0	0-0

**First Period**—1, Toronto, Orr 1 (Kaberle); 9:24. 2, Toronto, Finger 2 (Kessel, Beauchemin); 12:51.

**Second Period**—3, Toronto, Stajan 8 (Kessel); 6:53.

**Shots on Goal**—Toronto 9-15-7-31. Montreal 8-9-9-26.

**Power-play opportunities**—Toronto 0 of 2; Montreal 0 of 2.

**Goalies**—Toronto, Gustavsson 6-5-5 (8 shots-8 saves), MacDonald (0:00 second, 18:18). Montreal, Price 7-10-2 (31-26).

A-21,273 (21,273). T-2:17.

## Kings 4, Ducks 3

Los Angeles	2	1	1-4
Anaheim	1	1	1-3

**First Period**—1, Los Angeles, Parse 2 (Simmonds, O'Donnell); 5:11. 2, Los Angeles, Williams 6 (Stoll, D.Brown); 11:33 (pp). 3, Anaheim, Perry 14 (Wisniewski, Getzlaf); 14:41.

**Second Period**—4, Los Angeles, R.Jones 3 (Richardson, Johnson); 6:40. 5, Anaheim, Whitney 3 (Getzlaf, Perry); 17:28 (pp).

**Third Period**—6, Anaheim, Marchant 4 (Beleskey, Eminger); 5:29. 7, Los Angeles, Richardson 1 (Johnson, R.Jones); 17:40.

**Shots on Goal**—Los Angeles 16-14-12-42. Anaheim 13-5-11-30.

**Power-play opportunities**—Los Angeles 1 of 5; Anaheim 1 of 4.

**Goalies**—Los Angeles, Quick 15-9-2 (30 shots-27 saves). Anaheim, Hiller 7-9-1 (42-38).

A-14,231 (17,174). T-2:22.

## Scoring leaders

Through Dec. 01

	GP	G	A	PTS
Joe Thornton, SJ	29	7	32	39
Marian Gaborik, NYR	25	21	16	37
Patrick Marleau, SJ	29	19	14	33
Sidney Crosby, Pit	28	17	16	33
Corey Perry, Anh	26	14	19	33
Anze Kopitar, LA	28	14	19	33
Dany Heatley, SJ	29	18	14	32
Brad Richards, Dal	25	7	25	32
Alex Ovechkin, Was	21	18	12	30
Zach Parise, NJ	24	15	15	30
Dustin Penner, Edm	27	15	15	30
Ryan Getzlaf, Anh	26	5	25	30
Steven Stamkos, TB	25	17	12	29
Jarome Iginla, Cgy	26	17	12	29
Rick Nash, CIs	27	15	13	28

## Calendar

**Jan. 1** — Winter Classic: Philadelphia Flyers vs. Boston Bruins at Fenway Park.  
**Feb. 15-Feb. 28** — Olympic break.  
**April 11** — Regular season ends.

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## NFL statistics

## AFC individual leaders

Week 12 Quarterbacks				
	Att	Com	Yds	TD Int
P. Manning, IND	423	298	3415	24 11
P. Rivers, SNO	349	224	2938	19 6
Roethlisberger, PIT	344	227	2867	17 10
Schaub, HOU	407	275	3242	21 11
Brady, NWE	429	282	3286	20 8
Flacco, BAL	370	242	2744	13 8
Orton, DEN	344	214	2447	12 6
C. Palmer, CIN	336	205	2327	15 8
Garrard, JAC	358	224	2610	8 6
Cassel, KAN	320	178	1898	13 7

Rushers				
	Att	Yds	Avg	LG TD
Chr. Drew, JAC	217	1396	6.43	91t 9
Jones-Drew, JAC	209	1001	4.79	80t 13
T. James, NYJ	216	959	4.44	71t 1
Benson, CIN	205	859	4.19	28t 6
R. Rice, BAL	167	821	4.92	50 6
Ri. Williams, MIA	154	792	5.14	68t 9
Mendenhall, PIT	158	784	4.96	39 4
Moreno, DEN	161	688	4.27	36 3
Mo. Brown, MIA	147	648	4.41	45 8
F. Jackson, BUF	143	601	4.20	43 2

Receivers				
	No	Yds	Avg	LG TD
Welker, NWE	85	886	10.4	48 4
Wayne, IND	79	987	12.5	39 9
Dal. Clark, IND	74	834	11.3	80t 5
R. Moss, NWE	66	992	15.0	71t 8
H. Ward, PIT	66	845	12.8	52t 5
And. Johnson, HOU	63	945	15.0	72t 5
R. Rice, BAL	61	582	9.5	63 1
Gates, SNO	59	827	14.0	37 4
B. Marshall, DEN	58	714	12.3	75t 8
S. Holmes, PIT	56	838	15.0	45 2

Punters				
	No	Yds	LG	Avg
Lechler, OAK	70	3633	70	51.9
Moorman, BUF	62	2900	66	46.8
B. Fields, MIA	54	2483	66	46.0
Scifres, SNO	40	1833	65	45.8
Colquitt, KAN	69	3103	70	45.0
Koch, BAL	50	2239	60	44.8
McAfee, IND	41	1832	60	44.7
Zastudil, CLE	49	2188	60	44.7
Sepulveda, PIT	50	2194	58	43.9
Huber, CIN	56	2453	61	43.8

Punt Returners				
	No	Yds	Avg	LG TD
Welker, NWE	16	236	14.8	69 0
Cribbs, CLE	24	316	13.2	67t 1
J. Royal, DEN	21	236	11.2	71t 1
Cosby, CIN	30	335	11.2	60 0
Jac. Jones, HOU	31	341	11.0	62 0
Logan, PIT	23	204	8.9	25 0
Sproles, SNO	18	156	8.7	77t 1
Leonhard, NYJ	21	173	8.2	37 0
Bess, MIA	18	139	7.7	22 0
B. Wade, KAN	18	138	7.7	18 0

Kickoff Returners				
	No	Yds	Avg	LG TD
Ginn Jr., MIA	29	836	28.8	101t 2
Jac. Jones, HOU	21	579	27.6	95t 1
Webb, BAL	25	674	27.0	95t 1
Cribbs, CLE	39	1015	26.0	98t 1
Charles, KAN	33	857	26.0	97t 1
F. Jackson, BUF	23	592	25.7	71 0
Logan, PIT	41	1040	25.4	66 0
Sproles, SNO	42	1036	24.7	56 0
Mc. Thomas, JAC	15	369	24.6	42 0
E. Royal, DEN	21	113	24.4	93t 1

Scoring Touchdowns				
	TD	Rush	Rec	Ret Pts
Jones-Drew, JAC	13	13	0	0 78
R. Williams, MIA	11	9	2	0 66
C. Johnson, TEN	10	9	1	0 62
Addai, IND	10	7	3	0 60
T. James, NYJ	9	9	0	0 54
Wayne, IND	9	0	9	0 54
R. Moss, NWE	8	0	8	0 50
Ro. Brown, MIA	8	8	0	0 48
Maroney, NWE	8	8	0	0 48
McGahee, BAL	8	6	2	0 48

Kicking				
	PAT	FG	LG	Pts
Kaeding, SNO	34-35	22-25	55	100
Gostkowski, NWE	32-32	21-26	53	95
Bironas, TEN	23-23	18-22	53	77
D. Carpenter, MIA	28-29	16-17	53	76
Prater, DEN	19-19	19-23	50	76
Feely, NYJ	23-23	17-20	55	74
Je. Reed, PIT	29-29	15-18	46	74
Lindell, BUF	18-18	18-21	56	72
K. Brown, HOU	30-30	13-19	56	69
S. Graham, CIN	22-23	15-20	53	67

## Team statistics

AVERAGE PER GAME OFFENSE			
	Yards	Rush	Pass
New England	411.5	114.5	297.0
Indianapolis	393.4	87.6	305.7
Houston	373.6	90.5	283.1
Pittsburgh	372.4	115.4	257.0
Jacksonville	354.3	132.6	221.6
Baltimore	353.4	117.0	236.4
Tennessee	351.3	167.9	183.4
San Diego	344.4	88.5	255.9
Cincinnati	332.9	135.3	197.6
Denver	327.5	114.7	212.8
N.Y. Jets	324.4	161.3	163.1
Miami	317.9	156.1	161.8
Buffalo	281.2	104.6	176.5
Kansas City	269.5	98.4	171.2
Oakland	234.4	104.3	130.1
Cleveland	230.6	97.5	133.2

DEFENSE			
	Yards	Rush	Pass
N.Y. Jets	283.9	108.2	175.7
Pittsburgh	288.4	74.9	213.5
Denver	295.0	110.0	185.0
Cincinnati	297.6	81.9	215.7
Baltimore	308.9	97.6	211.3
New England	313.4	109.7	203.6
San Diego	318.1	117.7	199.6
Indianapolis	322.2	108.9	223.3
Houston	334.2	120.0	214.2
Miami	341.0	108.0	233.0
Jacksonville	349.5	106.6	242.9
Buffalo	362.9	165.1	197.8
Tennessee	368.2	101.5	266.7
Oakland	376.9	161.1	215.8
Kansas City	392.9	134.5	258.4
Cleveland	393.3	159.9	233.4

## NFC individual leaders

Week 12 Quarterbacks				
	Att	Com	Yds	TD Int
Brees, NOR	343	236	3117	27 9
Favre, MIN	358	248	2874	24 3
Rodgers, GBY	380	249	3138	22 5
Warner, ARI	372	251	2718	20 11
McNabb, PHIL	285	175	2189	15 6
Romo, DAL	359	216	2933	17 7
E. Manning, NYG	354	214	2684	18 10
Ale. Smith, SNF	196	122	1267	11 7
J. Campbell, WAS	328	214	2357	12 11
Hasselbeck, SEA	306	183	1955	11 7

Rushers				
	Att	Yds	Avg	LG TD
S. Jackson, STL	238	1120	4.71	58 4
A. Peterson, MIN	230	1084	4.71	64t 12
D. Williams, CAR	197	1022	5.19	77 7
R. Grant, GBY	209	890	4.26	37 5
M. Turner, ATL	177	864	4.88	58t 10
Jacobs, NYG	174	683	3.93	31 3
P. Thomas, NOR	116	648	5.59	34t 5
Gore, SNF	128	643	5.02	80t 6
M. Barber, DAL	137	633	4.62	35 4
Kev. Smith, DET	180	603	3.35	31 3

Receivers				
	No	Yds	Avg	LG TD
Fitzgerald, ARI	75	826	11.0	27 9
St. Smith, NYG	72	869	12.1	51 5
T. Gonzalez, ATL	61	666	10.9	27 5
Witten, DAL	59	588	10.0	44 1
Ve. Davis, SNF	57	670	11.8	40 9
S. Rice, MIN	56	964	17.2	63 4
R. White, ATL	56	770	13.8	90t 3
Boldin, ARI	56	665	11.9	44 2
Houshmdzdh, SEA	56	632	11.3	53 3
Burleson, SEA	55	708	12.9	44t 3

Punters				
	No	Yds	LG	Avg
A. Lee, SNF	66	3175	64	48.1
B. Graham, ARI	62	2959	64	47.7
R. Ryan, SEA	58	2740	70	47.2
Do. Jones, STL	56	2609	63	46.6
J. Baker, CAR	47	2130	61	45.3
McBriar, DAL	53	2342	63	44.2
Kapinos, GBY	48	2116	58	44.1
Kluwe, MIN	48	2091	60	43.6
Mostread, NOR	37	1614	60	43.6
Koenen, ATL	40	1725	70	43.1

Punt Returners				
	No	Yds	Avg	LG TD
De. Jackson, PHIL	21	326	15.5	85t 1
Grayton, DAL	28	380	13.6	82t 2
Reynaud, MIN	21	162	11.6	36 0
Munnenly, CAR	21	223	10.6	37 0
C. Smith, TAM	23	232	10.1	21 0
Weems, ATL	18	178	9.9	24 0
Northcutt, DET	17	157	9.2	43 0
Burleson, SEA	22	198	9.0	29 0
D. Hester, CHI	22	189	8.6	33 0
Jay. Johnson, MIN	16	134	8.4	24 0

Kickoff Returners				
	No	Yds	Avg	LG TD
Harvin, MIN	31	824	26.6	101t 2
Knox, CHI	28	824	29.4	102t 1
C. Smith, TAM	31	902	29.1	83 0
Roby, NOR	29	816	28.1	97t 1
Weems, ATL	34	878	25.8	62 0
Steph.-Howling, ARI	34	851	25.0	99t 1
D. Manning, CHI	18	445	24.7	44 0
Amendola, STL	39	951	24.4	58 0
Hixon, NYG	30	724	24.1	68 0
E. Hobbs, PHIL	20	481	24.1	63 0

Scoring Touchdowns				
	TD	Rush	Rec	Ret Pts
A. Peterson, MIN	12	12	0	0 72
M. Turner, ATL	10	10	0	0 60
Ve. Davis, SNF	9	0	9	0 54
Fitzgerald, ARI	9	0	9	0 54
Gore, SNF	9	6	3	0 54
Arizona	8	0	8	0 48
De. Jackson, PHIL	8	0	8	0 48
Shiancoe, MIN	8	0	8	0 48
DeA. Williams, CAR	7	7	0	0 44
Colston, NOR	7	0	7	0 42

Kicking				
	PAT	FG	LG	Pts
Akers, PHIL	29-30	24-27	52	101
Tynes, NYG	49-49	23-28	52	98
Longwell, MIN	40-41	20-26	52	94
D. Carpenter, MIA	30-31	20-26	52	90
Carnegie, NOR	50-52	13-17	46	89
Mare, SEA	22-22	19-21	47	79
Folk, DAL	28-28	15-21	51	73
Gould, CHI	21-21	17-20	52	72
Rackers, ARI	33-33	12-13	45	69
J. Elam, ATL	32-33	12-19	50	68

## Team statistics

AVERAGE PER GAME OFFENSE			
	Yards	Rush	Pass
New Orleans	425.9	150.5	275.4
Dallas	392.1	138.0	254.1
Minnesota	390.0	129.2	260.8
Green Bay	382.0	119.2	262.8
N.Y. Giants	374.7	126.8	247.9
Arizona	357.5	92.4	265.2
Philadelphia	357.1	109.0	248.1
Atlanta	339.5	118.2	221.3
Carolina	322.1	151.5	170.6
Seattle	315.5	92.2	227.4
Chicago	314.7	85.1	229.6
St. Louis	310.3	118.7	191.5
Washington	309.0	102.2	206.8
Detroit	308.2	96.2	212.0
San Francisco	279.0	94.7	184.3
Tampa Bay	274.8	98.2	176.6



## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

# An original reluctantly heads for the exit

The coaches who said there will never be another Bobby Bowden knew exactly what they were talking about.

None of them can imagine still working at 80, let alone for more than three decades in one place.



Jim Litke

Except for Bowden pal and fellow octogenarian Joe Paterno at Penn State, that kind of job security no longer exists. In this day of revolving-door athletic

departments, few can spare the time just to dream about piling up more than 300 victories in one place, or being in the hunt for a national title 14 years running. Mostly because they're running scared.

"If you spend 34 years at the same place," said South Carolina coach Steve Spurrier, a frequent Bowden rival when he was at Florida, "you're doing something right."

For all that, we've known for a few years now that Bowden's tenure at Florida State was going to end unhappily. He was more CEO than coach the last few seasons. He went from being called "eccentric" to "out of touch" as the losses accumulated and the difference-making prep stars in Florida continued bypassing Tal-



DOUG MILLS/AP

**Florida State coach Bobby Bowden celebrates after defeating Nebraska 18-16 in the Orange Bowl on Jan. 1, 1994. The victory gave Bowden the first of two national titles he won at Florida State.**

lahassee for Gainesville.

To understand why Bowden stayed on the job past his expiration date, you have to remember two things. The first is simply because he could, because Bowden's football program did more to raise Florida State's profile than anything that was going on in its classrooms or labs, and that buys a lot of loyalty.

The second is that Bowden was already 47 when he took over the Seminoles and 64 before he won the first of his two national championships. He didn't preach patience as just a virtue, but as a

way of life. What he didn't count on was outlasting most of his biggest boosters.

"Nothing lasts forever, does it?" Bowden said during a video interview conducted by school officials. "But I've had some wonderful years here at Florida State, you know it. Hadn't done as good lately as I wish I could have, but I've had wonderful years, no regrets."

Throughout the taping, he couldn't have looked more relaxed. At another moment, though, Bowden concedes, "The first championship was more of a

relief," but to those who remembered it, a "lifeline" was closer to the truth. It came on New Year's Day, 1994, against Nebraska in an Orange Bowl game that seemed to end not once, but twice.

Bowden got a championship bath when Nebraska receiver Trumane Bell was dragged down at the Florida State 29, only to have the referees put a second back on the clock and Nebraska back in position to crush Bowden's dream. But place-kicker Byron Bennett missed from 45 yards out and Florida State won 18-16.

"So," Bowden recalled at the time, "I got to celebrate twice."

It seemed like small compensation at that moment, considering how many times errant kicks by his own guys in big games lost him shots at the national championship; and how, at the start of the 1980s, Bowden set out to make Florida State a national powerhouse by scheduling the best teams in the land — at their places.

A memorable stretch of consecutive road games at Nebraska, Ohio State, Notre Dame, Pittsburgh and LSU ended with the Seminoles winning three of the five and Bowden being nicknamed "King of the Road."

No coach, at least none with an established program, would even consider that kind of itinerary today. Pete Carroll at Southern California comes closest and he might also have the best perspective on what a remarkable job Bowden did building a program

nearly from scratch.

When Carroll arrived at USC in December 2000, "Florida State was everything in college football," he recalled Tuesday. "They kind of gave us the example of what you shoot for over the long term."

Dominating as the Trojans have been for most of the decade though, Carroll's slide into the Pac-10 conference pack this season means the Trojans' string of consecutive top-five seasons will end at seven — half of what Bowden's teams accomplished from 1987-2000.

That run bought who knows how many more seasons since at Florida State, 34 in all, 12,377 workdays — according to an ESPN tally — and still counting, depending on which bowl game the Seminoles wind up playing.

"When you think about Florida State University, that's who you think about," junior quarterback Christian Ponder said.

And Bowden will be the guy his coaching brethren remember when they talk about the good old days, about how loyalty isn't what it used to be, forgetting that he had exactly one losing season — his first — during the entire stay at Florida State.

"We won our share," was the closest thing Bowden said Tuesday to a boast. "We didn't win them all, but we did win our share."

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## NBA roundup

## Heat start tough road trip with win over Trail Blazers

The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — The Miami Heat started their toughest road trip of the season with a stylish 107-100 victory over Portland Trail Blazers on Tuesday night.

Michael Beasley scored 27 points and Quentin Richardson had 20, both season highs, as the Heat led from the opening basket. Miami shot 53.3 percent from the field (40-for-75) to offset a career-high 20-rebound effort from Portland's Greg Oden.

The Heat ended a two-game losing streak with a win that may be the type of performance that could give Miami a boost on a four-game Western Conference trip, with games left against Denver, the Los Angeles Lakers and Sacramento.

"This was a great way to start our trip," said Miami's Dwyane Wade, who had 22 points and a season-high 12 assists. "It was a very good team effort against a very, very good team."

Miami attacked Portland from the outset, knowing the Blazers were shorthanded with forward LaMarcus Aldridge sitting out because of a right knee bone contusion. Wade said the Heat were wary of what Brandon Roy might try to do without Aldridge, the team's second-leading scorer with a 14.9 average.

Roy tried to take over, scoring 14 points in the first quarter on the way to leading Portland with 25 points. But it was a difficult game for the All-Star guard who finished 9-for-25 from the field.

"We knew Brandon Roy was going to be aggressive early on, so we wanted to start the game aggressive ourselves," Wade said.

Miami scored the game's first seven points and never looked back. Portland spent much of the game trailing by double digits.

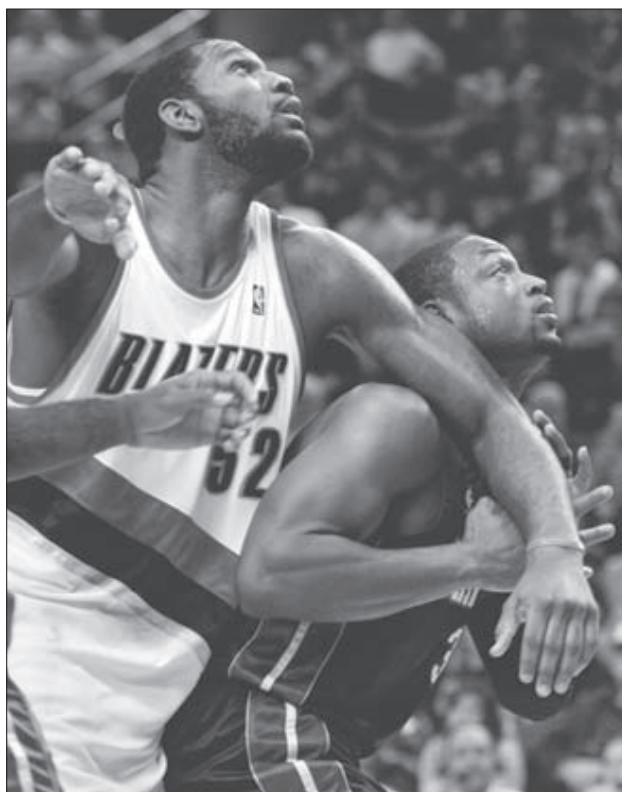
**Knicks 126, Suns 99:** At New York, Danilo Gallinari had 27 points and 10 rebounds, helping the Knicks snap a five-game losing streak and giving their coach a resounding victory over his old team.

David Lee added 24 points and Al Harrington had 22 for the Knicks, who rang up a season-best 71 first-half points, then blew it open when Gallinari scored seven points in a span of barely a minute midway through the third quarter.

Steve Nash had 20 points and eight assists for the Suns (14-4), who came in with the NBA's best record. They had won four straight by an average of 21.3 points.

It was a sweet victory for Mike D'Antoni, who rode his high-scoring offensive system to an average of 58 wins in his four full seasons in Phoenix before he and the Suns parted ways after a first-round loss to San Antonio in 2008.

**Celtics 108, Bobcats 90:** Ray Allen broke out of his shooting slump with 27 points, Kendrick Perkins added 21 points and 12 re-



RICK BOWMER/AP

**Heat guard Dwyane Wade boxes out Trail Blazers center Greg Oden for a rebound Tuesday. Miami won despite Oden's 20 rebounds.**

bounds and visiting Boston cruised to its fifth straight victory.

Led by Allen, the Celtics had little trouble slowing the Bobcats, who had won four straight. Entering shooting 30 percent from three-point range, Allen took only nine shots, but hit five of six three-pointers, including one from behind the plane of the backboard with 1 second left to give the Celtics a 62-39 halftime lead.

Charlotte never recovered as Gerald Wallace scored just five points after getting into early foul trouble. Nazr Mohammed had 16 points for the Bobcats, who entered giving up a league-low 87.9 points a game.

**Wizards 106, Raptors 102:** At Toronto, Antawn Jamison had 30 points and 12 rebounds, Gilbert Arenas had 22 points and nine assists for Washington.

Caron Butler scored 19 points, and Brendan Haywood had 15 points and nine rebounds for the Wizards, who have won three of four.

Chris Bosh had 22 points and 14 rebounds, Andrea Bargnani had 20 points and 11 rebounds and Jose Calderon added 20 points for the Raptors, who have lost four straight and eight of 10.

Jarrett Jack had 18 and Hedo Turkoglu scored 13 for the Raptors.

Arenas had been held below 10 points in each of his past two games, the first time he'd failed to

score at least 10 in back-to-back games since his rookie season in 2002.

**Nuggets 135, Warriors 107:** At Denver, Carmelo Anthony scored 25 points, Chauncey Billups had 22 and the Nuggets used their biggest scoring first half of the season to pull away from short-handed Golden State.

Nene (18 points) and Chris Andersen (14) were among seven Denver players scoring in double figures, helping the Nuggets finish with a season high for points.

Anthony Morrow's 27 points led the Warriors. Vladimir Radmanovic added a season-high 17 for the Warriors, who fell to 2-8 on the road.

Up by 14 at halftime, the Nuggets extended their lead to 107-84 by the end of the third quarter.

**Lakers 110, Hornets 99:** Andrew Bynum scored 21 points, Kobe Bryant added 18 on a light night of work and the host Lakers won their seventh straight.

Ron Artest scored 16 points as the Lakers remained undefeated in six games since the return of Pau Gasol, who had 14 points in Los Angeles' balanced offense.

Former UCLA star Darren Collison scored 20 points for the Hornets, who lost their fifth straight road game. New Orleans has the NBA's second-worst road record at 1-9, ahead of only the 0-11 New Jersey Nets, and is winless on the road since beating the Clippers at Staples Center on Nov. 9.

## NBA scoreboard

## Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	14	4	.778	—
Toronto	7	12	.368	7½
Philadelphia	5	13	.278	9
New York	4	14	.222	10
New Jersey	0	17	.000	13½
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	14	4	.778	—
Atlanta	12	5	.706	1½
Miami	10	7	.588	3½
Charlotte	7	10	.412	6½
Washington	7	10	.375	7
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	12	5	.706	—
Milwaukee	9	7	.563	2½
Chicago	6	9	.400	5
Indiana	6	9	.400	5
Detroit	6	11	.353	6

## Western Conference

Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	13	5	.722	—
San Antonio	9	6	.600	2½
Houston	9	8	.529	3½
New Orleans	7	11	.389	6
Memphis	6	12	.333	7
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	13	5	.722	—
Portland	12	8	.600	2
Utah	10	7	.588	2½
Oklahoma City	9	8	.529	3½
Minnesota	2	15	.118	10½
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	14	3	.824	—
Phoenix	14	4	.778	½
Sacramento	8	8	.500	5½
L.A. Clippers	8	10	.444	6½
Golden State	6	11	.353	8

## Monday's games

Milwaukee 99, Chicago 97  
Dallas 104, Philadelphia 102  
Utah 120, Memphis 93  
Golden State 126, Indiana 107

## Tuesday's games

Boston 108, Charlotte 90  
Washington 106, Toronto 102  
New York 126, Phoenix 99  
Denver 135, Golden State 107  
Miami 107, Portland 100  
L.A. Lakers 110, New Orleans 99

## Wednesday's games

Milwaukee at Washington  
Phoenix at Cleveland  
New York at Orlando  
Toronto at Atlanta  
Dallas at New Jersey  
Memphis at Minnesota  
Detroit at Chicago  
Philadelphia at Oklahoma City  
Indiana at Sacramento  
Houston at L.A. Clippers

## Thursday's games

Boston at San Antonio  
Houston at Golden State  
Miami at Denver

## Friday's games

Toronto at Washington  
New York at Atlanta  
Chicago at Cleveland  
Milwaukee at Detroit  
Charlotte at New Jersey  
Minnesota at New Orleans  
Dallas at Memphis  
Boston at Oklahoma City  
Indiana at Utah  
Miami at L.A. Lakers

## Tuesday

## Celtics 108, Bobcats 90

**BOSTON** — Pierce 3-8 0-0 8, Garnett 5-8 6-16, Perkins 9-10 3-21, Rondo 3-6 2-2 8, R.Allen 6-9 10-27, House 5-9 0-0 12, Daniels 2-5 0-0 4, Williams 1-4 3-6 5, R.Wallace 2-7 2-2 7, Scalabrino 0-0 0-0 0, Giddens 0-0 0-0 0, Hudson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 36-66 26-29 108.

**CHARLOTTE** — G.Wallace 1-6 3-4 5, Diaw 5-10 1-13, Chandler 1-1 3-4 5, Felton 6-13 2-2 14, Jackson 4-13 3-4 11, Graham 4-5 4-4 12, Mohammed 6-10 4-8 16, Murray 2-12 2-3 6, Brown 0-2 0-0 0, Augustin 1-3 1-3 3, Henderson 0-4 1-2 5. Totals 32-79 24-35 90.

**Boston** 29 33 26 20-108  
**Charlotte** 18 21 27 24-90  
Three-Point Goals—Boston 10-17 (R.Allen 5-6, Pierce 3-3, House 2-5, R.Wallace 1-3), Charlotte 2-11 (Diaw 2-3, Jackson 0-1, Graham 0-1, Augustin 0-1, Murray 0-5). Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—Boston 44 (Perkins 12, Charlotte 47 (G.Wallace 8). Assists—Boston 24 (Rondo 9), Charlotte 13 (Felton 5). Total Fouls—Boston 25, Charlotte 22. Technicals—None. Rebounds—Phoenix 42, Charlotte defensive three second. A-15,129 (19,077).

## Knicks 126, Suns 99

**PHOENIX** — G.Hill 3-7 2-8, Stoudemire 4-7 6-14, Frye 2-6 0-0 5, Nash 8-16 3-3 20, Richardson 5-10 4-4 14, Dudley 2-5 2-2 7, Dragic 0-6 0-1 0, Amundson 1-3 1-2 3, Clark 3-7 1-2 7, Tucker 4-7 5-8 14, Lopez 3-3 1-2 7. Totals 35-77 25-32 99.

**NEW YORK** — Chandler 4-11 4-14 14, Gallinari 10-19 1-22 7, Lee 10-13 4-7 24, Duhot 2-8 0-1 5, Hughes 4-11 2-2 11, Jeffries 4-6 2-4 10, Harrington 8-14 1-2 11, Robinson 0-2 0-0 0, Douglas 2-3 0-0 6, J.Hill 2-7 0-4 4, Landry 1-1 0-0 3. Totals 47-95 18-27 126.

**Phoenix** 28 30 18 23-99  
**New York** 39 32 29 26-126  
Three-Point Goals—Phoenix 4-17 (Tucker 1-1, Frye 1-2, Dudley 1-2, Nash 1-4, Richardson 0-3, Dragic 0-5), New York 14-31 (Gallinari 6-12, Douglas 2-2, Chandler 2-3, Landry 1-1, Harrington 1-3, Hughes 1-4, Duhot 1-4, Robinson 0-2). Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—Phoenix 47 (Dudley 7), New York 59 (Gallinari 10). Assists—Phoenix 18 (Nash 8), New York 31 (Hughes 12). Total Fouls—Phoenix 20, New York 24. Technicals—Phoenix Coach Gentry, Stoudemire, Phoenix defensive three second. A-19,763 (19,763).



FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP

**Knicks guard Larry Hughes, left, defends the Suns' Goran Dragic during the second half of Tuesday night's New York victory.**

## Wizards 106, Raptors 102

**WASHINGTON** — Butler 6-12 6-6 19, Jamison 12-22 4-8 30, Haywood 7-10 1-8 15, Arenas 7-17 5-5 22, Young 3-9 0-0 6, Foye 0-2 0-0 0, Blatche 1-2 2-2 4, Boykins 3-8 2-2 8, McGuire 0-0 0-0 0, McGee 1-2 0-1 2. Totals 40-84 20-32 106.

**TORONTO** — Turkoglu 3-11 5-6 13, Bosh 7-22 8-9 22, Bargnani 8-14 2-2 20, Calderon 9-12 1-2 20, DeRozan 1-4 0-0 2, Wright 0-1 0-0 0, Johnson 0-2 2-4 2, Belinelli 2-7 0-5 5, Jack 6-11 4-18, Weems 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 36-84 22-27 102.

## Heat 107, Trail Blazers 100

**MIAMI** — Richardson 8-15 0-0 20, Beasley 8-15 11-12 27, O'Neal 7-12 0-1 14, Chalmers 2-3 1-3 6, Wade 9-18 4-7 22, Haslem 2-5 2-2 6, Jones 2-3 0-0 6, Anthony 1-1 0-0 2, Wright 0-1 0-0 0, Arroyo 1-2 2-2 4. Totals 40-75 20-27 107.

**PORTLAND** — Webster 4-14 1-2 11, Cunningham 2-6 2-3 6, Oden 4-13 5-8 13, Blake 3-6 0-0 9, Roy 9-25 4-5 25, Przybylla 0-0 0-0 0, Miller 4-9 10-12 18, Fernandez 1-5 0-0 2, Howard 6-8 2-2 14, Bayless 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 34-87 24-32 100.

## Nuggets 135, Warriors 107

**GOLDEN STATE** — Morrow 12-20 1-1 27, Radmanovic 7-14 2-12 17, Moore 1-3 0-0 2, Curry 4-14 0-0 10, Ellis 4-10 6-6 15, Maggette 4-13 6-8 14, Watson 6-14 2-2 14, Hunter 3-6 2-5 8. Totals 61-94 19-24 107.

**DENVER** — Anthony 10-15 5-25, Martin 4-9 2-3 10, Nene 7-10 4-4 18, Billups 5-11 11-12, Afflalo 3-8 0-0 7, Andersen 5-6 4-6 14, Smith 5-12 0-0 10, Lawson 5-7 2-3 13, Graham 2-3 0-4, Carter 2-3 0-4, Allen 2-3 0-0 2, Petro 2-0 0-4. Totals 62-95 28-32 135.

## Lakers 110, Hornets 99

**DENVER** 25 44 38 28-135  
Three-Point Goals—Golden State 6-26 (Curry 2-6, Morrow 2-7, Ellis 1-2, Radmanovic 1-5, Maggette 0-2, Watson 0-4), Denver 3-14 (Lawson 1-1, Afflalo 1-2, Billups 1-6, Carter 0-1, Smith 0-2, Anthony 0-2). Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—Golden State 42 (Maggette 7), Denver 63 (Nene 12). Assists—Golden State 15 (Curry 6), Denver 30 (Billups 8). Total Fouls—Golden State 24, Denver 24. Technicals—Martin. A-14,570 (19,155).

## Lakers 110, Hornets 99

**NEW ORLEANS** — Posey 3-6 0-0 7, West 4-9 0-0 8, Okafor 7-10 3-3 17, Collison 7-14 4-4 20, D.Brown 1-9 4-4 6, Songaila 6-8 0-0 12, B.Brown 5-11 0-0 10, Armstrong 1-3 1-3 2, Thornton 4-10 0-0 9, Wright 3-8 1-2 7. Totals 41-86 13-15 99.

**L.A. LAKERS** — Artest 6-8 2-2 16, Gasol 3-6 8-9 14, Bynum 9-10 3-4 21, Fisher 2-5 2-3 7, Bryant 5-11 6-6 18, Odom 4-8 0-1 8, Farmar 4-2 1-2 10, S.Brown 1-6 2-2 4, Morrison 2-6 2-2 6, Powell 1-2 2-2 4, Vujacic 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 38-73 28-33 110.

## New Orleans

**L.A. Lakers** 27 31 28 30-99  
Three-Point Goals—New Orleans 4-21 (Collison 2-4, Posey 1-3, Thornton 1-5, West 0-1, B.Brown 0-2, Wright 0-2, D.Brown 0-5), Lakers 6-22 (Artest 2-3, Bryant 2-4, Fisher 1-3, Farmar 1-5, Morrison 0-1, Vujacic 0-1, Odom 0-2, S.Brown 0-2). Fouled Out—Armstrong, Rebounds—New Orleans 44 (Okafor 12), L.A. Lakers 43 (Bynum 9). Assists—New Orleans 27 (D.Brown 8), L.A. Lakers 26 (Fisher 7). Total Fouls—New Orleans 26, L.A. Lakers 14. A-18,997 (18,997).



## 2009-10 PACIFIC HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL OVERVIEW



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Seoul American junior Destinee Harrison, left, is one of five starters returning from the team that lost 50-47 to Faith Academy in final of the Far East Class AA tournament.

# Daegu hopes to repeat two-title feat of '05-06

## Warriors have shot at volleyball-hoops double for second time in four seasons

By DAVE ORNAUER  
Stars and Stripes

**F**or Michelle Chandler, it's familiar territory. Very familiar. Just like four seasons ago, Daegu American's girls basketball team enters the 2009-10 season fresh off a victory in the Far East Class A Volleyball Tournament.

And just like four seasons ago, Chandler, beginning her 11th season as the Warriors' helm, enters the campaign cautiously optimistic.

"I hope it carries over," Chandler said of the volleyball momentum, which translated in 2006 to the school's first Class A basketball title. "It's kind of early to say. I know they know mentally how to win. It's the physical part. Volleyball isn't basketball."

And not everything is quite like it was back in the heady 2005-06 season. Unlike then, Chandler said, the Warriors don't have a do-everything superstar in Lynette Grant, who virtually put the team on her back in each of those seasons.

"I haven't had anybody step up and be a leader" in the mold of Grant, or senior guard Ashley Hawkins of Robert D. Edgren, who last February earned Class A tournament MVP honors on a second-place team.

In fact, Daegu's girls volleyball team was supposed to be championship timber next fall; the core groups of both volleyball and basketball are juniors, with Kristina Bergman controlling the paint and Angie Robinet one of many guards returning to last year's fifth-place Class A team.

By coincidence, the 2005-06 Class A champion team placed fifth in the 2005 tournament.

"We'll see," Chandler said. "We have to prove it. We have a long way to go."

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Michelle Chandler  
Daegu American coach

Daegu's season, along with the rest of the Pacific, got under way in earnest this weekend with full game slates in Korea, Okinawa and Japan.

Edgren hopes it can conclude what it began when it just missed by four points in the Class A final, 41-37 against Osan American.

Hawkins returns, along with post player Jessica Bergman; Sabrina Cavazos transfers from Germany and will likely give Hawkins relief from those box-and-one zones last year.

"I can see they have the potential," Eagles coach Sarah Richardson said. "It's getting the girls to believe in themselves."

On the Class AA front, coach Billy Ratcliff feels such issues are hardly a bother for a Seoul American team that just missed its third Far East title in five years, falling 50-47 to Faith Academy.

All five Falcons starters, including speedy Liz Gleaves and Destinee Harrison, a force in the paint, return. They're bolstered by freshman point guard Deirdre Jones and junior transfer Larissa Arnold — Air Force Gen. Henry H. "Hap" Arnold's great-great-granddaughter.

"They look good," Ratcliff said. "I think we're peaking a lot quicker. We have a lot more depth and a lot more speed."

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### Team capsules

#### Class AA

##### South Korea Seoul American Falcons Yongsan Garrison

**2008-09**—31-2, 15-0 Korean-American Interscholastic Activities Conference Division I (17-time defending champion), runner-up in Class AA the past two years.

**Coach**—Billy Ratcliff, second season.  
**Key returners**—Liz Gleaves, Jr., G-F; Destinee Harrison, Jr., F; Diamond Person, Jr., F; Maria Garcia, Sr., G.

**Key newcomers**—Larissa Arnold, Jr., F (transfer from Germany).

**Outlook**—Contending, contending, contending. "We have all returning starters from (the 2009 Far East Class AA) championship game, more depth on varsity at all positions and believe we can compete for the banner if we stay healthy, eligible and are peaking as we hit the tournament," Ratcliff says.

##### Okinawa Kadena Panthers Kadena Air Base

**2008-09**—17-15, 4-6 vs. Japanese high schools, 4-0 vs. Kubasaki in Okinawa Activities Council season series; third in Far East Class AA tournament.

**Coach**—Dewayne Pigge, second season.

**Key returners**—Desirae Seals, So., G; Anissa Fitz, Jr., F.

**Key newcomers**—Bria Pressley, So., G; Jasmine Pressley, Jr., G; Maria Vaughan, Fr., G; Kelly Kaneshiro, So., G.

**Outlook**—Rebuilding. Some skills, and the addition of the Pressley sisters and Vaughan's shooting touch will help, but this group is far shorter on height and the experience of its predecessors.

##### Kubasaki Dragons

**2008-09**—3-24, 0-9 vs. Japanese high schools, 0-4 vs. Kadena in OAC season series.

**Coach**—Stephanie Davis, second season.

**Key returners**—Gabby Falco, Sr., F; Shina Carter, Sr., G; Nicole Bossert (transfer from E.J. King), So., F-G.

**Key newcomers**—Amber Overton, Fr., G; Athena Wilbon, So., F-G.

**Outlook**—Rebuilding. New coach, new approach; Dragons got their first victories of the season at last week's Hong Kong International School Holiday Tournament instead of late in the season. But it's a young group and a lot of burden will rest on Falco's shoulders, again.

##### Japan Yokota Panthers Yokota Air Base

**2008-09**—20-8, 10-3 Kanto Plain Association of Secondary Schools (tied for second), 10-3 Japan Basketball League (third), 6th in Class AA tournament.

**Coach**—Ricardo Cabral, eighth season.

**Key returners**—Erika Ettl, So., G; Ayanna Thomas, So., G.

**Key newcomers**—Khayla DeCaires, So., G; Julia Marrin, Jr., F; Shannon Jenkins, So., F (move-ups from junior varsity); Kathryn White, So., F; Sarah Hamner, Fr., C (transfers); Keahounani Jordan, Fr., all positions.

**Outlook**—Rebuilding. The good news is Ettl, the daughter of boys coach Paul Ettl, remains at point guard and her game is developed. But much will depend on developing newcomers; inexperience abounds, again.

##### Nile C. Kinnick Red Devils Yokosuka Naval Base

**2008-09**—19-9, 6-6 Kanto (fourth), 9-4 JBL (third), fifth in Class AA tournament.

**Coaches**—Charles Boyer, Samuel Williams, first seasons.

**Key returners**—Mary Niemeyer, Sr., F-G; Shannon Jackson, Jr., F-C.

**Key newcomers**—Michelle Pinchart, Jr., post; Audrey Parker, Jr., G; Shannon Donegan, Jr., F.

**Outlook**—Rebuilding. Just three upperclassmen. Niemeyer and Jackson will tote much of the burden while the team makes its transition from the style and philosophy of longtime coach Henry Falk to Boyer and Williams.

##### Zama American Trojans Camp Zama/Atsugi Naval Air Facility

**2008-09**—21-9, 10-3 Kanto (tied for second), 10-2

JBL (champion), 12th in Class AA tournament.

**Coaches**—Parish and Veronica Jones, seventh season.

**Key returners**—Crystal Valentine, Sr., G.

**Outlook**—Rebuilding. Four starters either transferred, graduated or chose to play other sports this school year.

##### Guam Guam High Panthers Agaña Heights

**2009**—5-8, with island playoffs yet to be played.

**Coach**—Katrina Pieper, first season.

**Key returners**—Carmina Sheaks, Sr., PF; Janessa Blas, Sr., PG (played for Guam's U-18 national team); Christi Mendiola, So., G; Ashley Cooney, Jr., G.

**Key newcomers**—Kara Guerrero, So., C; Sabrina Rivo, So., F; Reanne Acasio, Fr., C-F; Megan Speck, So., F-G; Lani Tougher, So., G.

**Outlook**—Rebuilding/reloading. A rash of injuries caused a late-season slump after a 4-4 start. Guam's season ends this month, with Far East scheduled for February, by which time the injuries will have healed and the Panthers can make a deep run in the Class AA Tournament.

#### Class A

##### South Korea Osan American Cougars Osan Air Base

**2008-09**—21-5, 12-2 KIAIAC Division I (second), defending Far East Class A Tournament champion.

**Coach**—Bruce Barker, 15th season.

**Key returners**—Ashley LaFortune, So., F.

**Outlook**—The mother of all rebuilding jobs. From champions a year ago, the Cougars lost do-everything guard Celine Baldevia and the rest of the starting lineup and many backups.

##### Daegu American Warriors

**2008-09**—16-13, 7-5 KIAIAC Division I (fourth).

**Coach**—Michelle Chandler, 11th season.

**Key returners**—Jamie Chenault, Sr., F; Kristina Bergman, Jr., F; Angie Robinet, Jr., G; Chanel O'Neal, Sr., G; Alexis Parker, So., G.

**Outlook**—Reloading/contending. Mostly players

from last month's Far East Girls Class A Volleyball Tournament champion team, so they know how to win; just a matter of how they can apply it to basketball.

##### Japan E.J. King Cobras Sasebo Naval Base

**2008-09**—0-20, 0-11 JBL (sixth).

**Coach**—Steven Casner, first season.

**Key returners**—Darion Romero, Jr., C; Emily Cox, Jr., SE.

**Key newcomers**—Tara Long, Fr., PG; Kenyata Handley, Sr., PF.

**Outlook**—Rebuilding. Little experience returning, but the addition of Long will help as the Cobras try to bury the memories of a winless season with the team's third coach in four seasons.

**Matthew C. Perry Samurai**

**Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni**

**2008-09**—2-11, 0-8 JBL (fifth).

**Coach**—Kevin Peterson, second season.

**Key returners**—Kelli Clark, So., C-F.

**Key newcomers**—Kelsey Peterson, Sr., post; Brianna Harpe, Fr., post; Rebekah Harwell, So., SG.

**Outlook**—Rebuilding. Some experience inside with Peterson and the Samurai have a shooting weapon in Harwell, but eight of the Samurai have never played ball before.

**Robert D. Edgren Eagles**

**Misawa Air Base**

**2008-09**—17-8, 5-6 JBL (fourth), Far East Class A tournament runner-up.

**Coach**—Sarah Richardson, 20th season.

**Key performers**—Jessica Bergman, Sr., F; Ashley Hawkins, Sr., F; Eurydice Williams, Sr., F; Brynne Roth, Jr.; Xala Sledge, So.; Sabrina Cavazos, Jr., G (transfer from Germany); Jennifer Black, So., G (transfer from Yokota).

**Outlook**—Contending. The memory of the heart-breaking Class A title-game loss to Osan still burns brightly, and the Eagles have the ability and experience to reach their fifth Far East Tournament championship game since 2000.

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After a report of a second extramarital affair, Tiger Woods said on his Web site Wednesday that he has "not been true to my values and the behavior my family deserves."

## Tiger says he let his family down with transgressions, regrets it deeply

BY DOUG FERGUSON  
*The Associated Press*

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. — Tiger Woods said he let his family down with transgressions he regrets "with all of my heart," and that he will deal with his personal life behind closed doors.

His statement Wednesday follows a cover story in *Us Weekly* magazine that reports a Los Angeles cocktail waitress claims she had a 31-month affair with the world's No. 1 golfer.

"I have not been true to my values and the behavior my family deserves," Woods said on his Web site. "I am not without faults and I am far short of per-

fect. I am dealing with my behavior and personal failings behind closed doors with my family. Those feelings should be shared by us alone."

The cocktail waitress, Jaimee Grubbs, told the magazine she met Woods at a Las Vegas nightclub the week after the 2007 Masters — two months before Woods' wife, Elin, gave birth to their first child. Grubbs claims to have proof in 300 text messages.

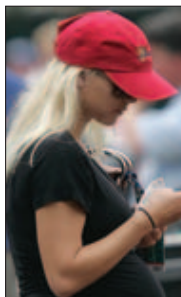
About three hours before Woods' statement, the magazine published what it said was a voicemail — provided by Grubbs — that Woods left on her phone Nov. 24, three days before his early-morning car

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strive  
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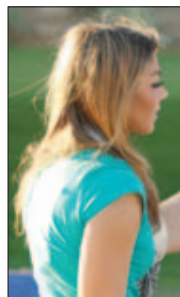
Elin Woods was seven months pregnant when a Las Vegas cocktail waitress says she started an affair with Tiger Woods.

Chris O'Meara/AP



Jaimee Grubbs told *Us Weekly* that she met Tiger Woods in Las Vegas the week after the 2007 Masters.

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The *National Enquirer* reported that Rachel Uchitel, a New York nightclub hostess, had an affair with the world's No. 1 golfer.

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